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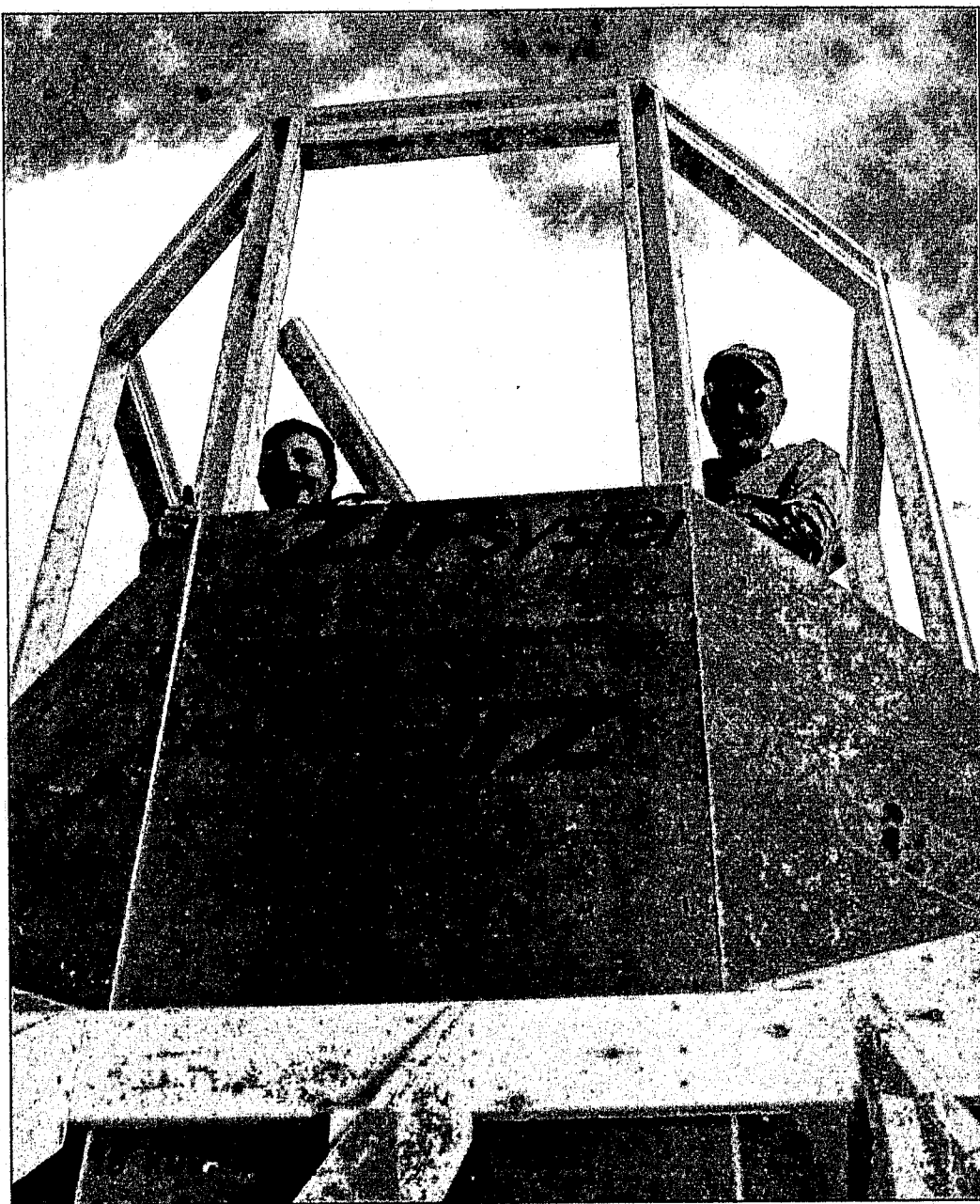
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**CUPOLA CARPENTERS**—Excellent progress is being made on 'The Charles R. Huntoon Center for Archives, Library and Museum Collections' at the Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House on Broad Street, according to BHS Executive Director Randy Bennett. Here, builders Jeremy and Dan Gibbs of Daniel Gibbs Construction and Remodeling look down from the framework of the cupola that is now permanently set atop the structure. "When completed in 2016, the structure will resemble an 1880s barn on the outside, but contain important collections storage and study areas inside," Bennett said. "The Society is extremely grateful to Mr. Huntoon, who was born in Rumford in 1915 and turns 100 this month, for supporting this much-needed facility, which includes two fireproof, climate-controlled vaults where rare documents, photos, maps and artifacts relating to the area will be preserved." For a wider view of the project, see Page 4.

A. Aloisio

## Woodstock has deals on boat launch, MDOT garage

BY ALISON ALOISIO

With two potential property purchases headed for a Town Meeting vote in March - \$70,000 for a boat launch and \$65,000 for an old MDOT garage - Woodstock Selectman Steve Bies is worried it may be too much, coming on the heels of several other recent large purchases.

But Selectman Ron Deegan said it is the job of selectmen to bring issues to townspeople for a vote, along with rec-

ommendations and a proposed payment plan.

At Tuesday's board meeting Town Manager Vern Maxfield announced the town has a purchase and sale agreement for \$70,000 on a 3/4 acre property near the intersection of Rocky Road and Route 26. The camp on it would be removed and the site excavated to create a boat launch for North Pond, replacing a nearby launch deemed too dangerous by the Maine Department of Transportation. An

estimated additional \$20,000 would be needed to complete the work, the town officials said, and there would be five or fewer parking spaces.

Maxfield said the town could not apply for state aid for the project because the lot is not large enough to qualify.

Selectmen were questioned closely on the plan by Jim Daugherty, a resident of Bird Hill Road. He wondered why an arrangement

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## Telstar freshmen serve up a lesson in local food

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Oven roasted root vegetables, bacon maple brussels sprouts, whole wheat pizza, crepes with apple cranberry filling.

Those were some of the menu items at last week's "Celebration of Local Food and Learning," offered by the Telstar Freshman Academy at the Locke's Mills Legion Post.

The meal, provided to in-

vited guests, was the culmination of a Food Systems study unit for the ninth graders.

Under the Freshman Academy program, the class spends each morning at the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp. The effort, an integrated learning project, began with last year's freshmen.

For weeks leading up to last week's meal, the students studied what goes

into food production, incorporating various academic disciplines at the same time.

"We chose this as a way to educate students about the ways that supporting local food systems can have a positive impact on the economy and the environment," said Tara Pockock of the 4-H Camp.

The students created

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## Decision on 'snowman lot' could come in spring

BY ALISON ALOISIO

A decision on whether to develop the "snowman lot" at Bethel Station may come next spring, according to Tony Donovan of KW Commercial Keller Williams Coastal Realty, the real estate agent listing the property.

Earlier this fall Donovan said there was a pur-

chase and sale agreement for the property, but he has not named the potential buyer or the plans for the lot. Since then test borings have been done to analyze what is beneath the ground surface, Donovan said.

"The snowman lot continues to be under a period of due diligence," Donovan said Monday. "The envi-

ronmental analysis uncovered some gasoline residue from the former operations of the Town of Bethel garage. It is not much, and we are moving ahead with a Department of Environmental Protection plan to have it removed.

"Another location on the property was used for mix-

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## "Concert Class" will feature local musicians

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

The month of November signals the approach of what is, for many, the most hectic season of the year, filled with holiday shopping, decorating, baking, and gatherings.

Tom Davis hopes people will use a special musical event on the Sunday following Thanksgiving as a time to catch their breath.

Davis, a Bethel native and a retired minister of music, will direct "Music of December—A Concert Class" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29 in the West Parish Congregational Church's chapel.

Sponsored by the Western

Mountains Senior College, the event is free and open to the public. It offers an opportunity to listen to and learn about music from a variety of traditions.

Rather than selecting traditional Christmas favorites, Davis searched out music that evokes, in addition to the holidays, the season of shorter days, long winter nights, and the approaching solstice.

"What I've tried to do is choose some pieces that I love that represent different approaches to the winter season," he said.

The music includes an ancient secular piece, as well as a Christian hymn, a piece of Jewish music, and an excerpt from the popu-

lar 1951 Christmas opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

There is also a medley of three mid-twentieth century carols by American jazz musician Alfred Burt that Davis said members of the audience will recognize.

The Burt Carols, as they are called, consist of 15 carols written between 1942 and 1954, most composed at the rate of one a year for inclusion on the Burt family's annual Christmas card.

They were recorded and released in an album by the Columbia Choir in 1954, following Alfred Burt's death at the age of 33.

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Above: Members of the men's chorus, Jonathan Smith, Tim LeConey, Steve McCosh, Brendon Bass, Ben Alford, and Jim Bennett, rehearse for the upcoming concert class on Nov. 29 at the West Parish Congregational Church chapel. Missing is tenor Simon Smith. A. Wight Chapman



Left: Tom Davis directs musicians in a rehearsal for "Music of December—A Concert Class," to be held on Nov. 29 at the West Parish Congregational Church chapel. A. Wight Chapman

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# Letters

## OLD FOREST FIELD TRIP

To the Editor:

The public is invited on a field trip to see some old forest on state land on Saturday, Nov. 21. We will meet at 9 a.m. at Twin Bridges up the Sunday River Road.

Participants should be prepared for a four-mile, three-hour hike, mostly off-trail on rocky hillsides. Some blaze orange clothing is recommended as it is deer hunting season.

Please let co-leader Mike Pease know by Friday evening if you are coming: msundance53@gmail.com.

The old stands we'll visit have gnarled canopy trees exceeding 150 years, snags and logs, among other features. We'll talk about the characteristics and function of old stands and wild forest.

This area of at least 35 acres on public lands is within a timber harvest planned for this winter.

Ken Hotopp  
Bethel

## BULL BRANCH CUT IN MID-20TH CENTURY

To the Editor:

In regard to the proposed logging job on Bull Branch in Riley Township: This land was cut in the late 1940s and early 50s. There remain a few old growth trees in some of the steeper ground. Back in the 1800s, there were farm fields and pastures. Some trees may be 125 to 150 years old, but most are less than 100 years old.

Bear and squirrels feed on beech nuts, but there is little sign of deer and moose due to the lack of undergrowth and browsing materials.

I've lived my whole life in the Sunday River Valley—fishing, hunting and logging. Almost everything has been harvested at least once or twice in the last 100 years except for the steep ground, then canyons and the mountain tops.

Alan Fleet  
Newry

## NEWRY FESTIVAL THANKS

To the Editor:

I am writing to say thank you to all who came out to the Newry Fall Festival and Craft Fair on Oct. 31.

We had an amazing turnout to go along with our almost full house of crafters. I want to thank all the crafters/vendors who spent the day sharing their numerous talents for all to see. If you missed it, you truly missed out on some wonderful items.

The raffle and bake sale raised over \$400 (our new record)! The money will be donated to the Newry Student Scholarship fund, which provides scholarships to Newry students who attend summer camps. This year we will be using \$100 of the money raised to purchase reusable signs for advertising for our events in the years to come.

I would also like to say a special thanks to those who put in a little extra to make the day so successful with their help setting up, staffing the kitchen, selling raffle tickets, and cleaning and resetting the Grange Hall. Thanks for your help. I couldn't have done it without you, Toni Robertson, Loretta Powers, Brad Wight, Mike Wight, John and Nancy Wight, Kelly Scott, Denise, Krysten, Kyria and Karyssa Morse; Jordan, Payton and Gage Berry and Benny Corriveau (hopefully I didn't miss anyone). Again, thank you all so much!

We hope to see you all next year, and look for a winter/holiday activity day coming this winter!

Mandy Berry  
Newry

## DNC EMPLOYS ILLEGAL ALIEN

To the Editor:

It appears that the Obama Administration and the Democratic Party will stop at nothing short of murder to further their liberal agenda and influence national elections. Not only is the IRS guilty of illegally destroying or hiding Lois Lerner e-mails pertaining to discriminating against Administration critics with the Department of Justice refusing to investigate, Presidential Candidate Clinton lying to the public about the destruction of e-mails and falsely claiming that the Benghazi attack was a response to an anti-Islamic video, we now learn that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) has hired an illegal alien to help with its campaigns.

The November, 2015 Judicial Watch "Verdict" reports that the DNC hired an illegal Mexican national, Cindy Nava, with the full knowledge of what DNC Chair Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) termed Nava's "undocumented status." Judicial Watch states, "it is against Federal law 'to hire, or recruit... for employment in the United States an alien knowing the alien is an unauthorized alien.'"

This supports the notion that Democrat complaints that requiring voters to show a photo ID before voting discriminates against minorities is a ruse; it is more likely designed to disguise their efforts to influence elections with unauthorized voter registration, either by illegal immigrants or other imposters.

Richard Grover  
Mason

## JOIN THE CHRISTMAS EVENT PROMOTION

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is in the process of gathering up as many community and business events as possible—to include in our Country Christmas in Bethel promotion—from Friday, Nov. 27 till Christmas Day! All events are welcomed to be a part of this promotion—we just need to hear from you if you have something to submit! Give the chamber office a call during office hours, 9 to 5, at 824-2282.

The holidays will officially kick off on "Black Friday" with the Local Craft & Wares Fair at the Bethel Inn Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Three dozen crafters will be awaiting a visit from you! FREE horse drawn wagon rides will be available from 1 to 3 p.m. throughout the village. The rides will commence at a location near the Bethel Common. Many thanks to Franklin Savings Bank for sponsoring this event!

The chamber is seeking sponsors for the four Saturdays during the Country Christmas Celebration: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12 and 19. Please contact our offices if you are interested in helping to make this happen! Your business or family name will be placed on a sign board on the side of the wagon cart for the duration of the rides; you will be thanked in the Bethel Citizen and on the Chamber's Facebook page.

On Saturday, Dec. 5, the Chamber (with a little help from our friends) will be organizing the Christmas Tree Lighting on the Bethel Common at 4 p.m. Prior to this, we invite everyone to meet at the Philbrook Place on Main Street for our annual Jingle Bell Run! Please plan to be there by 3:15 to get your bell tied on and then we will make our way to the Common to greet Santa, sing carols, and witness Santa lighting the Christmas tree lights!

Please make every effort to Shop Local this holiday season! Our merchants are your neighbors and they employ local people, pay taxes locally, support our local schools and community causes and they offer friendly, personal, uncrowded and unrushed service!

So, please be in touch with us with your community or business event, and if you'd like to keep the tradition of FREE horse-drawn wagon rides going during the holiday season!

Robin Zinchuk  
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

## SUNDAY RIVER FUND AWARDS GRANTS

To the Editor:

The Advisory Committee for the Sunday River Community Fund met recently to review grant requests from local organizations dedicated to enhancing our community. We are very pleased to announce the following groups will receive a total of \$19,000 to improve the quality of life for our friends and neighbors:

- SAD 44/Telstar—\$5,000 to help purchase a new projector screen for the auditorium.
- The Bethel Rotary Club—\$4,000 in support of their Christmas for Children program.
- Gilead Historical Society—\$4,000 to support their efforts to build ADA ramps and upgrade their computer system for a research library.
- Bethel Historical Society—\$4,000 to support their annual fund.
- Ski Museum of Maine—\$2,000 to support the development of a Maine Skiing History curriculum for the SAD 44's 4th grade class.

The next deadline for grant requests is March 15. We encourage charitable organizations in the Sunday River area, including Newry, Bethel, Hanover, Andover, Rumford, Mexico, Dixfield, Greenwood, Woodstock, Albany, and Gilead, to apply. For more information and guidelines, please visit [sundayriver.com/community-fund](http://sundayriver.com/community-fund).

*Sunday River Community Fund Advisory Committee: Joe Aloisio (Albany); Bobbie Arsenault (Mexico); Becky Bean (Hanover); Allen Connors (Bethel); Tim Kavanagh (Albany); David Murphy (Bethel)*

## Concert

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Several of the carols have since been recorded by a variety of artists, including Tennessee Ernie Ford, Nat King Cole, Kenny Loggins, and Simon and Garfunkel.

**Live performances**

Davis said he was asked by the senior college to teach a one-session class this fall "and to suggest a topic."

In 2014, he taught a class intended to prepare people to get the most out of their attendance at the Androscoggin Chorale's performance of Mozart's Requiem.

For that class, he used recorded music to help his audience understand and identify the influence of other composers, including Bach, Handel, Haydn, and Beethoven, on Mozart's work.

This time, instead of playing and discussing recorded music, Davis decided to gather a group of musicians to perform live for the class.

By selecting a chorus made up of 16 members with strong musical backgrounds, he was able to limit the rehearsal time to three sessions.

He also timed the rehearsals so they wouldn't interfere with the busy weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, with the last one taking place three weeks before the date of the class.

Friends of Davis, cellist Dick Noyes and violinist Clarinda Noyes, both of whom have played with the Portland Symphony Orchestra for over 30 years, will provide the main accompaniment.

Several members of the chorus who also play musical instruments will lend those talents as well.

"I liken it to a Prairie Home Companion-type of set-up," said Davis. "Everyone will be on stage at the same time."

The class will feature flutist Patricia Boyle-Wight, trombonist Jim Bennett, Jonathan and Simon Smith on baritone horns, and Anneliese Smith on trumpet.

The chorus and instrumentalists will perform seven pieces of music together, and there will also be a special guest appearance by Jewel Clark and Rolly York.

Davis said the concert class will be about "changing gears for winter."

"It will include a lot of the words we often use in December—peace, love, joy, hope. I hope to leave everyone in a mellow, peaceful mindset."

## More from the Nov. 9 School Board meeting

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

**Committee reports**

Education Committee—Chair Roberta Taylor reported that the committee had discussed three grants the district recently received, as well as the potential for collaboration with the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum. They also discussed the six-week winter term of the Telstar Freshman Academy, during which students will pursue various projects both on and off campus. Superintendent David Murphy said more information will be presented to the School Board at their December 14 meeting.

Facilities Committee—Chair Tim Carter reported that the committee met with Richard Grondin, who is conducting a feasibility study for the possible installation of a pellet boiler at Crescent Park School. Grondin told the committee that the installation of an energy recovery system on the ventilation system could save the district as much as \$13,000 per year without switching from oil heat. Carter said Grondin told the committee that the current low price of oil makes it somewhat harder to justify a new heating system at this time.

Finance Committee—Chair Bonnie Largess reported that the committee has just begun to study the budget for FY '17.

Region 9—Chair Roberta Taylor reported that the committee had heard from instructors Brian Mills (Automotive Technology) and Ed Naples (Truck Driving), and from the advisory teams that support each of the educational programs. They also enjoyed a meal that was prepared and served by students in the Region 9 Culinary Arts program.

**Superintendent's report**

Murphy reported on the Maine School Boards Association Fall Conference, which was held Oct. 22-23, and included an address by Navy SEAL and Chief of NASA's Astronaut Office, Capt. Chris Cassidy, a graduate of York High School in Maine.

A recent substitute training workshop drew about 18 participants, some of whom have already begun working for the district.

Educator Effectiveness Coach Elaine Ferland, in updating the board on the TIF grant, said that all teachers have completed their student learning objectives. Ferland and TMS English Teacher Lindsay Luetje recently provided a workshop for THS and TMS teachers on using the NWEA student data reports to prioritize and individualize student instruction.

**Board votes**

The School Board voted on the following agenda items.

Awarding of snow removal contract for the FY '16 school year. The board voted unanimously to award the contract to Cross Excavation/Douglas W. Jones, Inc. The company performed snow removal for the district last winter, and their bid for this year's work had not increased.

Second and final reading of Policy GCI—Professional Staff Development Opportunities. Language was added to support staff development geared toward assisting in the transition to proficiency-based learning. Passed unanimously.

Second and final reading of Policy EBCC—Bomb Threats or Threats of Violence. The wording was changed to eliminate the reference to a School Resource Officer, as the district does not have one. Passed unanimously.

Second and final reading of Policy AD—Mission Statement. The word "transparent" was inserted into the policy, which now reads, in part, "We believe the system needs to be transparent, dynamic, and open to new paradigms." Passed unanimously.

Revised field trip request. The field trip request approved at last month's School Board meeting, to allow Telstar High School students to attend the All New England Band Festival at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, N.H. on Nov. 23 was revised to reflect that this will be an overnight trip, with the group leaving in the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 22. The revised request was passed unanimously.

*(Note: The writer is a substitute teacher in the SAD 44 Adult Education Department.)*

# Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN NICKERSON

**10 years ago:** The Red Hat Ladies of Bethel met at the Trolley House in Norway for lunch.

The Newry Fire Department's new ladder truck arrived at its new home at the Sunday River Fire Station.

A "Mock Hee-Haw" show took place at the Franklin Grange Hall in Bryant Pond.

Deaths: Kathleen Clark McAllister; Willard A. Wight.

**20 years ago:** Newry's 150-year-old Poplar Tavern was gutted by a fire which the state fire marshal's office determined was an act of arson.

A group of Telstar Middle School students coordinated the collection of over 650 cans of food to be distributed through the District Exchange.

Births: Abigail Leanne Johnson, Raquel Lindsey Grover.

Deaths: Marsters E. York, Donald A. Cox, Richard Kent Stanley.

**30 years ago:** Relying on man-made snow, Sunday River Ski Resort opened its slopes to skiers on Saturday, Nov. 16, making it the first area in Maine to open for the season.

GAMM, Inc. signed a two year lease with the owners of the Bethel Mall for 3,800 square feet of space in the mall.

Deaths: Ruth C. Conner, Walter Scott, Ethel Bryant.

**40 years ago:** Two long-time Canadian National Railroad employees, Walter Jodrey (45 years of service) and Lucien Plante (40 years), made their last run on Nov. 19.

A gymnastics demonstration featuring the Plymouth State College men's and women's gymnastics teams took place at Telstar Regional High School.

Birth: Timothy Michael Dock.

**50 years ago:** The first meeting of the "Bethel Snow Twisters" snow kart club was held Nov. 19, at the Legion Hall.

Sp4 Dale Kimball was transferred from Atlanta, GA, to Fort McClellan, AL, where he was on temporary duty studying chemical, bacterial, and radiology warfare.

Births: Eric Clements, Debra Elaine Wright.

Death: E. Stanton Horne.

**60 years ago:** Attractive lights had been installed on Gould Academy's new walk and parking lot at High and Elm Streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Luxton and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Brown entertained members of the Methodist Couples Club at the Luxton home.

Birth: Thomas Marshall Payn.

Death: Frederick Grant Newton.

**70 years ago:** Richard Perkins purchased the Harold Chamberlin residence on Philbrook Street.

Eugene Van and family and Patrick Grenier and family returned to the Van home on Paradise Street which was recently damaged by fire.

Death: Mrs. Charles E. Valentine.

**80 years ago:** The season's first snowstorm began as sleet and rain on Nov. 17, and continued the following day with heavy snow until about 11 inches had fallen.

"Steamboat 'Round the Bend" starring Will Rogers, Anne Shirley, Irvin S. Cobb, Stepin Fetchit and Eugene Pallette, was shown at Odeon Hall.

Births: Clinton Everett Pence, Mary Kneeland.

Deaths: Mrs. Cynthia Anna Heath Curtis, Frank Turner.

**90 years ago:** The Boy Scouts presented a drama, "Fair Play," and demonstrated knot tying, first aid, fire making and other skills at Odeon Hall.

Two weeks of rain had raised havoc with roads in the area, mud and ruts were 6 inches to a foot deep in a great many places.

**110 years ago:** Mr. A.F. Copeland purchased a house lot of Mr. Eben Kilborn on Chapman Street.

The second of the series of Flinch parties was held at Prospect Hotel, and was pronounced by all an exceptionally pleasant evening.

Deaths: Mrs. Alice R. Kellher, Mrs. Irene Lapham Needham.

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# Woodstock

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couldn't be worked out with Greenwood to raise and improve Johnny's Bridge in that town so that larger boats can pass under it, allowing access to North Pond by way of Round Pond.

"We don't have any say over that whatsoever," said Maxfield. "You and I both know they don't want to do anything to the bridge."

Daughtery commented that with one Greenwood selectman living near the bridge and another owning a camp on the pond, both should have probably recused themselves from that board's discussion. The selectmen indicated several months ago they were not interested in such a proposal.

The Woodstock discussion on the bridge option went on for several more minutes, finally concluding with Deegan saying a solution with Greenwood just wasn't "workable," and Selectman Mike Nadeau adding that they had found a solution for Woodstock and wanted to get it done and "move on."

## MDOT garage

Maxfield's other property purchase-related announcement was that MDOT has offered to sell its currently unused garage on Route 232 to the town for \$65,000. Woodstock had earlier offered \$90,000 and MDOT countered with \$120,000, at which point selectmen decided to drop the negotiations. But Maxfield said the state then came back with the \$65,000 offer.

The board has proposed to use the building to house crews for PACE ambulance, as well as town highway and fire equipment.

"I'm 100 percent for it," said Nadeau.

"I am too," said Deegan. He said with PACE now staffing

the town 24/7, having a place for them other than the Fire Station "is a great advantage for our town."

That was when Bies raised his concerns about recent spending. He noted that the town has spent or is paying \$120,000 to fix the Lake Christopher dam, \$50,000 for a ladder truck for the Fire Department, \$20,000 for a rescue vehicle and, most recently, \$230,000 for a new fire engine.

Over the years he has served as selectman, said Bies, he couldn't recall spending such large amounts of money from town reserve accounts in such a short amount of time.

He said the funds would have to come either from taxes or a fund set up by the Patriot Renewables wind company to benefit the town. "We're spending future money," he said.

But Nadeau said the purpose of the Patriot money is to put it back into the town, and over time save money through finding efficiencies.

Deegan said the question should be brought to voters to decide. "I'm not going to hold it up because I'm apprehensive about the money," he said.

The board agreed to put it to a town vote, though Bies said he might oppose it at that time.

On another property-related issue, selectmen voted 2-1 to put approximately 50 acres of town land on the Billings Hill Road out to bid for sale, with a minimum bid of \$30,000. Bies voted against it, favoring instead a minimum bid of \$25,000.

In other business Maxfield told the board an old fire truck had been sold for \$2,000.

# Lot

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ing asphalt, and although the residue indicates some pollution, it is not of a level that requires removal. The prospective owners and seller are working

with an engineering firm on recommendations for next steps.

"I believe any decision to develop the site, or not, will come in the early

spring of 2016. Do expect to see the earth nearest to the Cross Street subject of some activity before the year's end - and hopefully before it snows."

The lot has in the past been the site of two world-record-setting giant snowmen, as well as other winter season festival projects.



An aerial view of the Western Maine Supply building (center, with black roof) in the 1970s shows what is now known as the 'snowman lot' to the left. The lot was the former location of the Bethel Town Garage (square building in center foreground). Courtesy Western Maine Supply

# Lesson

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recipes with 100 percent of the ingredients from Maine, such as substituting maple sugar for cane sugar and sea salt for table salt, she said.

They also filled out "job applications" for various positions to staff last week's event. Some of the jobs included kitchen manager, assistant manager, first shift general manager and second shift general manager.

Liz McLeod was chosen as the marketing manager. She oversaw the design of the menu and invitations, created customer satisfaction forms, took photos to document the project and talked to the Citizen for this story.

She said students used math and science to figure out how much energy it takes to transport food,

and English to create food power point slides describing different recipes.

Pocock added that the students also calculated carbon emissions associated with food distribution. "Students researched where each of their ingredients would have come from if they had purchased them from the grocery store, and did a carbon footprint comparison."

"There was also a cost analysis done where students explored how much money is spent in different areas of food production, how much a farmer needs to get paid to just break even and what the State of Maine does to ensure that farming remains a viable career path for students interested in agriculture."

Pocock said there were many other things that



Mike and Courtney Bennett enjoy the meal at the Legion Hall.

students did that tied in health and nutrition, food culture, soil science, food science, career exploration, food safety, and course culinary arts. "Prior to the event students pressed apple cider, made homemade pasta, sauerkraut, butter, ice cream, and mozzarella cheese that were served," she said.

At the dinner the invited guests were greeted by hostess Abby Harrington. Waitstaff took orders and delivered the food, then they and the managers circulated and asked, "How is your meal? Can I get you anything else?"

Not surprisingly, many of the guests at the dinner were parents of students. Amy Hanscom's daughter, Emily, was first shift

general manager. Amy said afterward, "It was interesting to hear about the process that took place and how well the plan was executed. It was a great opportunity for students to not only see what is required behind the scenes of a restaurant, but also the different positions and team effort that is required to make a business successful. I feel they learned a lot, including what it is like to have an actual job in the real world."

The lesson for the kids continued after the event, Pocock said.

"The kids had a class to reflect on the experience, review customer satisfaction surveys and identify what they learned about



Tara Pocock discusses an order with student server Reese Rosenberg.

their role, what they could do to be more successful in that role, and what systems they could put in place to make things run more smoothly," she said. "Some students identified that they would feel comfortable and confident in seeking a job in the food service industry, and some learned that they would be better suited to explore other first-time job opportunities."

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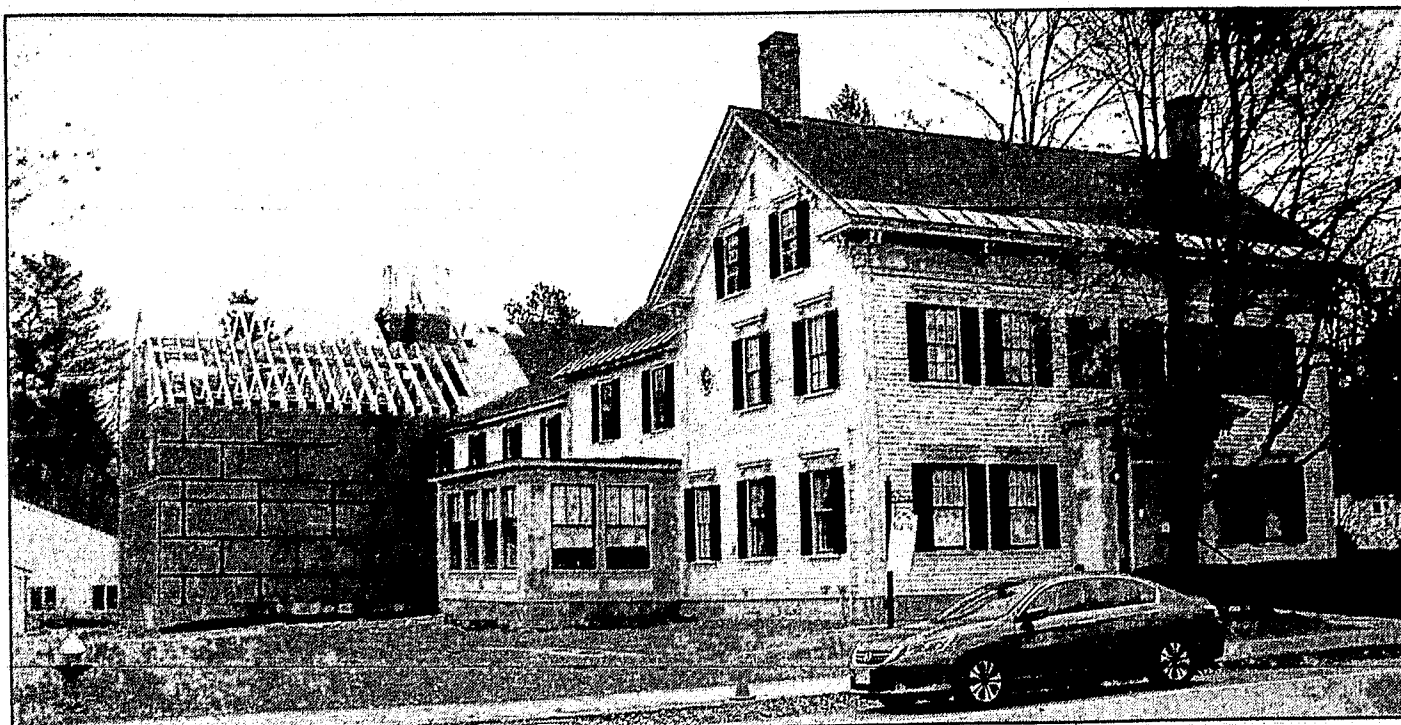
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The "barn" addition at the Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House was well on its way to being closed in this week. R. Bennett

## Greenwood selectmen's meeting minutes

Oct. 20, 2015

1. Open Meeting - Selectman Jordan called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. with Selectman Amy Chapman, Town Manager Kimberly Sparks, and Deputy Clerk Angela Lovejoy attendance. Chair Henderson was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Warrants - It was motioned and seconded to accept amended Warrant #15 (from \$138,617.27 to \$138,662.23) to correct voucher numbers 433 and 434, Warrant #16 (\$115,768.09), and Warrant #17 (\$9,482.57). Motion passed 2-0.

4. Minutes - It was motioned and seconded to accept the minutes of Oct. 6, 2015 as written. Motion passed 2-0.

5. Comments from the Public - No one from the public attended. No Selectboard members were contacted outside the meeting.

6. Town Wide Revaluation - Town Manager Sparks mentioned that the State asked that the towns have revaluations done every 10 years. She said the last reval for Greenwood was done in 2007. She mentioned that the Town of Woodstock was overdue for a re-val as well. Both Towns use the same assessing firm and it was suggested that they work together to get a cheaper price. The assessing firm, John E. O'Donnell & Associates, said the Town of Greenwood could save 10%-15% if they paired with Woodstock in having both revaluations done. Sparks said a revaluation that included interior inspections was \$160,000. A revaluation without interi-

or inspections would be between \$80,000 and \$85,000 (discount included). Sparks said the actual re-val would happen in 2017 with the dollar amount for it to be raised at two separate town meetings (2016 and 2017) if the Board agreed.

7. Boat Launch on North Pond - Town Manager Sparks mentioned that Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield was still actively working on the Summer property as a future boat launch site and he wished to know if the Town of Greenwood would be interested in giving any funding toward it. Selectman Jordan said if Greenwood helped fund a new North Pond boat launch with Woodstock then Greenwood should ask Woodstock to help fund replacement of Johnny's Bridge. He said their Highway Department used the bridge quite often, especially in the winter.

8. Update on Paving at G&W - Town Manager Sparks mentioned she received an email from Woodstock stating that Pine Tree's quote was \$8,500 with a 10 foot strip on the left side of the compactor. J&P's price was \$12,500 with a 20 foot strip on the left side or \$10,000 for a 10-foot strip.

9. Election Tabulator - Town Manager Sparks mentioned the Town would be getting an election tabulator that had been paid for by the State. She said it would arrive Friday with training at the Norway Town Office at some point after.

10. Greenwood Shores Rest Area Privy - Town Manag-

er Sparks mentioned she received another e-mail from Charlie Newell regarding having a year-round privy at the rest area. The price in the summer was around \$1,000 for 6 months. Sparks said she would find out if it was possible to have one there during the winter and if the expense would be any greater.

11. Polli Agreement - Town Manager Sparks mentioned she had received a returned check notice from the bank regarding Mr. Polli's monthly payment. She said she sent a letter - regular mail and certified - letting Mr. Polli know there were no funds in his account to cover the check in case he did not know.

12. Meetings and Events - Town Manager Sparks mentioned the following meet-

ings and events: Oct. 23, 2015 Whole Communities workshop at the Bethel Historical Society from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Oct. 27, 2015 DEP meeting regarding Johnny's Bridge (at Johnny's Bridge) at 8:30 a.m.; Oct. 27, 2015 Bicentennial meeting at the Town Office at 6 p.m.; Nov. 3, 2015 Elections at the Legion Hall from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Nov. 17, 2015 Selectboard meeting at the Town Office at 5 p.m.; Nov. 19, 2015 Planning Day at the Bethel Inn from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Nov. 24, 2015 Bicentennial meeting at the Town Office at 6 p.m.; and Dec. 2, 2015 Oxford County Municipal Officer's meeting in Norway at 6 p.m.

13. Adjourn - It was motioned and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion passed 2-0.

## Notes from the Gilead selectmen's meeting

Nov. 11, 2015

The Board of Selectmen met at 6 p.m. at the Town Office on Nov. 11. Officers present were: The three Selectmen-Jeremy Morin, Steve McLain, Alfred Leighton; Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters, Linsley Chapman; Tax Collector/Admin. Asst. Judy Perrille.

Treasurer Warrants were reviewed. October Wrap-Up Warrant 10A: Vote: Moved and seconded to accept. All three selectmen voted in favor. November Warrant 11: Vote: Moved and seconded to accept. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Regarding:

Cemetery Plot Request Policy Result: After reviewing the written policy, the selectmen decided it was what they had agreed upon earlier. Vote: Moved and seconded to accept the Cemetery Plot Request Policy. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Real Estate Tax Abatement. Result: The paperwork for a tax abatement was returned from John E. O'Donnell Association, who handle the tax assessing for the town. It was decided to grant the abatement since the taxpayer was being taxed for more property than they owned. Vote: Moved and seconded to grant the abatement for the real estate tax. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Snowmobile Grant money. Result: At the October meeting, it was decided to return the money to the State of Maine, due to lack of documentation from the Wild River Riders on how the money is spent. The Selectmen reviewed a letter that explained to the state why the funds were being returned. The letter would accompany the check when it was returned. Vote: Moved and seconded to accept the letter. All three selectmen voted in favor. (Since the amount to be refunded was included on November Warrant #11 and by voting to accept the warrant, there was no vote needed again.)

Discussion Regarding: Road Commissioner's Medical Insurance. Result: There has been a problem with the insurance. Judy Perrille, Administrative Assistant checked with W. J. Wheeler Ins. The insurance will be in effect beginning on Dec. 1.

Discussion Regarding: Lary South Cemetery-unauthorized/unmarked grave. Result: The selectmen placed an ad in the Bethel Citizen that ran for two weeks. The ad stated that on November 10th the items would be removed by the town if no one came forward with an explanation. There was no response to the ad, so the items were going to be removed. Burial in town cemeteries need to be authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

Discussion Regarding: Fall clean-up of cemeteries. Result: Since the person who was doing the cemetery work is no longer around, it was decided to find someone to just do the fall clean-up, such as raking. This will make it easier in the spring to get ready for Memorial Day.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Vote: All three selectmen voted in favor. (Linsley Chapman, Town Clerk, is writer of these notes from the meeting.)



## American Pie

BY BETSY RILEY

### A Pie for every thankful plate

Four score and plenty of years ago, the pie established a place setting at the table. There was meat, squash, fruit, custard, cottage, chocolate, nut, cheese, pizza... pies, pies, pies! If it had a crust and filling, it was considered pie. Blue ribbon awards for the best pie at the fair, Thanksgiving pies decorating nostalgic traditions on holiday tables and the apple pie notably crowned as the American symbol for hometown dessert goodness.

Little did we know that the humbly filled crust would be embraced with such community acceptance. Makes me feel like singing about pie, American Pie! But this did not happen with a recipe book. No, the pie shell welcomed the adventurous chef, leftover fruit, curing meat and pantry ingredients and faster than we could say bon appétit the pie brigade began. Today, the traditional pie is still highly respected with Apple at the top and undiscovered combinations filling blog spots as we speak.

Okay, so this is hard. How does one select a few great pie recipes over all the other supercalifragilistic ones during a la mode time? I turned to the familial troops. Any combination of tart blueberry is my aunt's, son's and my favorite; my husband and mom like pecan, my uncle loves mincemeat, my daughter's a peach raspberry sweetie and my dad never met a pie he didn't like.

Look at all the variety, but where's the pumpkin? Oh my, now I'm hungry, but feeling fortunate and thankful that I can ask silly questions about pie over many miles of wireless with my heartstrings. I'll thank the larger pie-eating society for providing a preschool-aged purpose to making a kitchen sized flour storm mess. And I'll thank all the culinary inspiration of pie. On the count of three say... pie-le it on! Let's give thanks and make pie.

Double Crusted Pie Shell- 2 1/2 cups flour, 1/2 tsp salt, 1 cup butter and 1/4 cup water. Add flour to a bowl. Roll up your sleeves. With your hands, break off pieces of room temp butter. Using one hand like a whisk, stir the butter and flour together until it resembles coarse meal. Add 2 tbs. of water and continue to hand stir adding teaspoons of water until the dough shapes into a ball. Divide dough in two and roll into circles. If you'd like a sweeter dough, add 2 tbs. sugar with the flour. If you'd like a savory dough add 1 tsp dried herbs and/or 2 tbs. grated parmesan. This recipe can be split in half for a single crust.

### Prudent Pumpkin:

1 1/2 c cooked pumpkin  
2/3 c brown sugar  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1/2 tsp ground ginger  
Dash nutmeg  
1/2 tsp salt

2 eggs  
1 1/2 c milk  
1/2 c cream

Preheat oven to 450. Prepare 1 crust pie shell and roll into 9-inch pan.

Mix together pumpkin, sugar and spices. Beat in eggs. Whisk in milk and cream. Pour into shell and bake for 5 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 and bake for 40 minutes. Remove from oven and cool.

### Prudent topping:

Cream together 1/4 c butter and 1/4 c brown sugar. Stir in 2/3 c roughly chopped pecans and 1 Tbs milk.

Spread on cooled pie.

Preheat oven to broil. Broil pie for 3-5 minutes (until bubbly and browning, remove from oven to cool. Serve with fresh whipped cream.

### Recycled Quart Jar Whipped Cream:

Add 1 cup chilled whipping cream, 1 clean marble or spoon, cover with lid and let the kids shake the jar. Check for cream thickening, add a few teaspoons of sugar, shake some more until desired whip and serve. No kids? No problem. Even sports fans can shake a jar and not miss a play.

### Easiest Fruit Pie Ever

Preheat oven 325 degrees

2 cups fruit

1/2 cup nuts (optional)

1/2 cup sugar

1/4 c melted butter

2 eggs

1 cup sugar

1 cup flour (Gluten free flour works great)

1/2 cup melted butter

Prepare 2 cups fruit (cranberries, blueberries, strawberries, apples, peaches, combo with grapes...) and place in bottom of greased pie pan. Sprinkle with optional nuts, sugar and drizzle butter over top. In a bowl, beat eggs. Stir in sugar, flour and butter and pour over top. Bake for 40-50 minutes or golden, brown and delicious (GBD). I just made this with 1 c fresh cranberries and 1 c frozen mixed berries with GF topping and did a happy tummy dance!

### Apple of my Eye Pie

Use double crust recipe with sugar above.

8 tart apples, peeled and thinly sliced (Granny Smith and Cortland work well), 3/4 c sugar, 1 tsp cinnamon, 1/4 c flour, 2 Tbs cold butter, cut into pieces.

Mix apples, sugar, cinnamon, and flour in a bowl. Pour into bottom pie crust shell. Dot with butter. Cover with top crust. Pierce holes in crust, brush top with milk, sprinkle with sugar and bake at 400 degrees for 1 hour or bubbling.

### Potter's Pie: Move over left-over, the pie's coming over.

It wouldn't be Thanksgiving without closing the refrigerator door quickly and quietly listening to hear if anything fell over. One day goes by, two, then three and you are finally ready to look at the holiday food borne hang-over makers again. Let's put 'em to work.

2 tbs. butter

2 cloves garlic

1 onion, diced

1 1/2 cup + leftover veggies (anything...the green beans, creamed spinach and onions, corn, carrots, peas)

1/4 cup flour

1 1/2 cup broth (Turkey is easy. In a pot put a few bones, a bay leaf, dead ends from veggies (celery leaves, carrot, garlic & onion skins), 2 cups of water bring to a boil and simmer 5 minutes. Refridge and/or use when ready.)

1 cup milk

1/2 tsp dried thyme

S & P to season

2 cup chopped turkey

Pastry crust: You can use a single crust from recipe above, purchased crust, puff pastry or ready to bake homemade or store biscuits. Personally, I'm a crust fan. Preheat oven to 375.

Melt butter in large cast iron/oven proof skillet over medium high heat. Add garlic and onion. Stir in flour and cook 2 minutes. Add broth and milk. Bring to a bubble and add veggies and turkey and remove from heat. Season with thyme and seasonings. Prepare, top and pierce with crust. Bake until crust is GBD. 30 min for crust, 20 for puff pastry and biscuits. Thank goodness.

Next time: Game time with sofa snacks.

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# Bethel

By Donald G. Bennett



**This week**  
On Friday a maintenance crew from the St. L & A railroad was working on the signal system at the rail crossing on Main Street. Sunday River reported two trails, one mile or 12 acres of skiing open. The Historical Society's new barn has the roofing rafters in place and the lower frame work of the barn's "steeple" is up. Dan Gibbs and company will easily be able to enclose the roof probably this week. At Bethel Outdoor Adventure excavation and grading for the fish pond appears completed for this season. The open field beside Western Maine Supply looks like it has newly placed stakes with ribbons.

The pros and cons of keeping Ethel Bisbee School alive makes for good Post Office sidewalk discussion. Hopefully the selectmen will not try to sneak through a decision without a town vote. Community rooms in Beth-

era House, then The Rialto which burned in 1898, then the Odd Fellows Hall, and Odeon Hall in 1892.

For the 1889 town meeting Art. 13 was: To see if the town will vote to provide a suitable building for a town office and lock-up, combined or either separately and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same. Voters approved a lock-up and not a town office building. The lock-up was built that summer with jail cells and space for business meetings and local court sessions. Located on High Street it was generally behind the home of Don and Eleanor Brooks.

It was intended to be used by the community for meetings. The selectmen refused to meet there. Of course during the next few years the other halls in town provided plenty of choices for community meetings and events. Odeon Hall and the Grange Hall continued as community meeting places. Then in 1941 the Ceylon Rowe Store closed its doors. The Rowe store space became the Community Room. My 4-H club met there along with many

make space for a new larger fire station. Pattee's Hall/Grange Hall was converted to apartments and later Odeon Hall failed to meet Americans with Disabilities access standards.

In the 1985-86 period The Bethel Inn built a new conference center but this building was intended for use by NTL and for-profit event bookings. However, as the past years have shown, the annual crafts and wares fair held at the Inn's conference center support having a community center of a similar size.

## Bethel Area Nonprofits Collaborative

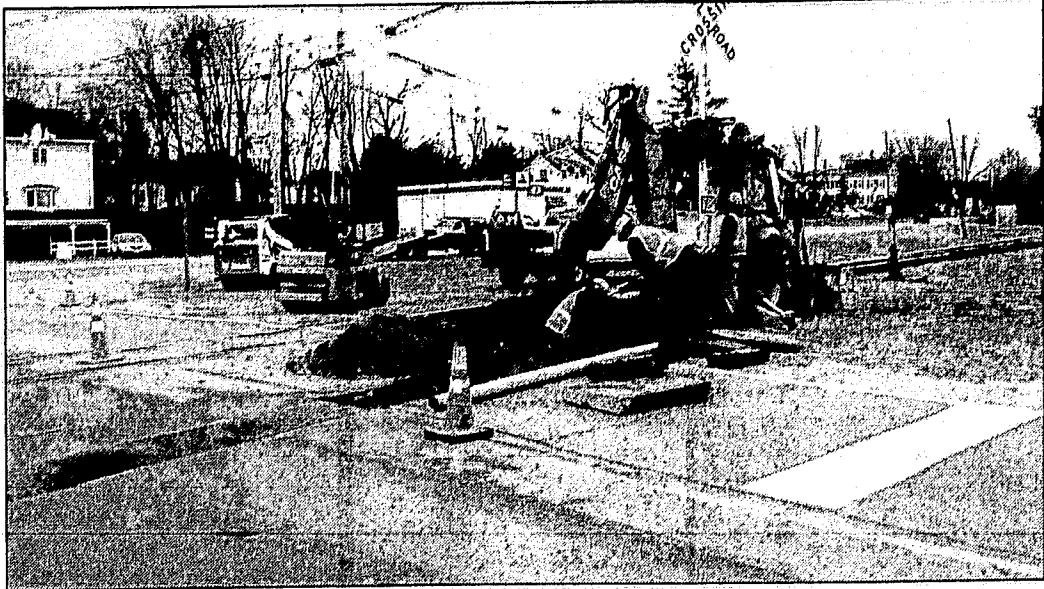
Oct 18, 2011 Bethel Journal Nonprofits news - Jessie Seymour Perkins reported on the latest meeting of the Bethel Area Nonprofits as follows: The Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative has been meeting monthly for nearly a year. Right now, our big projects are working with Gould and Telstar to create meaningful community service and learning opportunities for students, we're planning a retreat in November to create a vision for the next several years of BANC.

In 2015, currently, the BANC Website (bethelmainenonprofits.org) lists 33 Oxford County organizations as members, starting with Alan Day Community Garden and ending currently with Let's Go Oxford County. A number of these organizations I had never heard of. For those readers who are not Internet addicts, the mission of the BANC is supporting Bethel area nonprofits' efforts to improve the quality of place of the Bethel area through educational, cultural, environmental, recreational, economic development and health and wellness initiatives. For the non-digital public, traditional reports of BANC plans and objectives appearing in the Citizen would be helpful.

After trying to digest how such a large group can operate effectively, I can understand why the organization needs a full time director, but it is hard to see how the Heart and Soul project would fit into Bethel's comprehensive plan. Remember, the Bethel Pathway and bridge mostly came from the Bethel Station plan. Bethel taxpayers live in areas from the Glead line to the Rumford line, not in many cases active in village activities.

Finally, although I was not born here, I am the last of three generations to live on part of the farm owned by my grandparents since 1914 and agree that there is some social/cultural divide when coming face-to-face with newcomers.

**November news**  
from previous years  
Bethel News Nov. 6 2012 - Bingham Forest Authority Monday evening Bethel's selectmen and town manager held a work shop meeting to hear all the 40 details about Bethel's side of Barker Mountain that lies in Newry. Jerry Bley from Readfield, Maine told the Board his grand idea for a whole new slice of Bethel life. Summing it all up, our side of Barker will change from a mountain of natural beauty to a mountain of government red tape and challenge for Bethel tax-



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payers. Water District and Newry people did not attend the workshop. A whole new authority is proposed to handle details and convince our budget committee it is for the public good.

## Nov. 16, 2010 Rotary news

Two young women from our community will participate in Rotary District 7780 National Immunization Day (NID) Team in Nigeria, November 24 to Dec. 5. Michele Perejda, owner of Dream Realty and Erin Murphy, student and daughter of David and Nancy Murphy will travel to Nigeria to immunize children against Polio. It is Rotary's goal to eradicate Polio from the remaining countries, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Niger.

## Nov. 3, 2009 Skate Park Grand Opening

About two hundred or more parents, kids and park supporters swarmed into the newly completed skateboard park for its Grand Opening at noon. No one could have been disappointed and many were very impressed at the scope and style of this new recreational park. Besides skateboarders, there were bikes, scooters and roller blade kids trying out all the new ramps, jumps, walkways and you-name-its. It was a great day for the park. There was music, a grill and a refreshment stand where mostly the adult gang gathered. Nancy Babcock and all the others particularly including Dave Bean who were in on the park's development must feel very pleased with the results and the public's acceptance of it. Around 4:30 PM there were still about 20 boarders and skaters doing their stuff. Nancy Babcock was picking up the debris and trash.

## Bethel

By Nancy Brown



My sister has gotten me into a new habit. Now when I go to Auburn I always stop at Blackie's farm market on Minot Avenue to check out fresh local produce and cheese. Last week Blackie's had hundreds of stalks of Brussels sprouts, grown locally in Hebron. Although Maine farmers have grown this vegetable for years, I never saw them growing or sold this way until I was an adult. The first time I saw Brussels sprouts on a stalk was thirty years ago at a farmers' market in New York City. My friend Pearl Chertov and I had been at a

meeting in lower Manhattan and wandered into a tiny deli in search of a container of coffee and a bialy. That was when we saw the farmers' market across the street in the plaza of the World Trade Center. Farmers set up the market every week in the summer and fall to sell vegetables, cheese, and baked goods, and provide entertainment for workers in the financial district. That day the entertainment was a gospel choir posed precariously on a flatbed truck. A New Jersey farmer had brought in stalks of Brussels sprouts and was selling them from his truck. Neither Pearl nor I had ever seen Brussels sprouts like this. We bought two stalks of them, carried them on the PATH train to her apartment in Jersey City, and fretted about how to cook them. I love living in a rural area again where I can see how and where my food is grown. For Thanksgiving I plan to buy a stalk of Brussels sprouts and take them to dinner with my two great-nieces. Hopefully they won't be in their thirties before they learn how Brussels sprouts grow.

Looking across Bethel this morning (Nov. 15) from Route 26, I saw the beautiful view of Mount Washington and the White Mountains covered with snow. We've had a few snow flurries and it is cold at night, but it's still warm enough to sustain a few flowers. The purple asters at the corner of our garage are still blooming and the hardy blueets in the pasture are still there. This afternoon I found a patch of wild strawberries that have blossomed. I'm using the warmer days to finish raking up the leaves. The backyard maple is defying me by stubbornly hanging on to about a quarter of its leaves. So far, I haven't found any ticks but there are a lot of spiders burrowing into the dead leaves.

Every year the Telstar High School National Hon-

or Society hosts a Thanksgiving luncheon for area senior citizens. The lunch is on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 12 noon at the Telstar cafeteria. All senior citizens are invited. If you need more information, call the school office at 824-3126.

There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. at the Bethel United Methodist Church. The service is being organized by several area churches and is open to everyone. The offering will be donated to the Bethel Area Food Pantry. The church is located at 79 Main Street in Bethel.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com.

## East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



As I'm writing this, I am also watching the clouds roll in. Though we did see some of the white flakes the other day, we seem pretty safe still. Some rain is in the forecast and the predicted temperatures ensure the rain.

My heart and prayers go out to all affected by the attacks in Paris and France as a Nation. Sadly, many seem to want that all borders get closed. I have two thoughts, one being then if I needed to see my family in Germany, it would not be possible and two, this is exactly what these terrorists want. I believe in "United We Stand" and we will not let a few control the world. This, too, like our President said, was an attack against humanity. Humanity and peace will prevail in the long run. Just in case I spoke out of line, I apologize and you can call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Neil Olson called with some great news. His grandson, Connor Aube, was featured on the Channel 8 news signing his Letter of Intent to

## OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Nov. 10

At 7:34 a.m. Deputy Dere MacDonald responded to Telstar for a suspicious subject in the employee parking lot. The subject was gone on arrival, but the deputy planned to keep an eye out for the vehicle.

At 10:41 p.m. Deputies Steve Witham and Josh Aylward did a traffic stop on Walkers Mills Road in Bethel, where a minor was given a summons for illegal possession of liquor by a minor and a juvenile was summonsed for sale/use of drug paraphernalia.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

At 7:59 a.m. a subject reported his right rear passenger window had been smashed out on Chapman Street in Bethel. Deputy Dere MacDonald was assigned.

At 10:32 a.m. a subject reported her purse had been stolen from her vehicle on Paradise Road in Bethel. Deputy Dere MacDonald was assigned.

At 11:17 a.m. a subject reported a relative had observed two male subjects try to get into a neighbor's vehicle the night before on Mechanic Street in Bethel.

At 8:52 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham and Sgt. Matt Baker investigated a complaint of an attempted theft from a motor vehicle on the Intervale Road in Bethel.

Thursday, Nov. 12

At 11:07 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney and Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Cross Street in Bethel for a report of a possible slashed tire. It was unclear whether the tire was slashed or the damage was accidental.

Friday, Nov. 13

At 11:12 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Telstar High School for a report that two students were joking about having either a bomb or a gun on Facebook.

At 10:34 a.m. a caller reported a vehicle parked at a school on Perkins Valley Road in Woodstock with hunting equipment inside, including a firearm. Cpl. Justin Brown responded. The owner was to be contacted and told he cannot park the vehicle at the school.

At 9:20 p.m. Deputy Dere MacDonald responded to a report of a vehicle on the train tracks on Railroad Street in Woodstock. The vehicle was removed and the operator given a summons for unrelated issues.

Saturday, Nov. 14

At 4:57 p.m. Deputy Steven Witham received a report of a suspicious vehicle on the East Bethel Road in Bethel. The vehicle could not be located.

Monday, Nov. 16

At 1:29 p.m. Deputy Dere MacDonald did a bail check on a subject on Parkway in Bethel.

## OCSD Jail Log

Nov. 16, 2:40 p.m.: Andrew S. Mills, 18, of Greenwood, violation of bail conditions, by Deputy Dere MacDonald in Bethel.

Nov. 17, 8:28 a.m.: Pamela A. Michaud, 47, of Andover, DV assault, failure to submit to arrest; by Deputy Josh Aylward in Andover.

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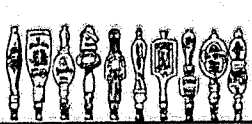
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attend the University of Tennessee at Martin on an athletic scholarship to play baseball. Among six finalists, Connor was also nominated for the Fitzpatrick Award for the State of Maine. Congratulations from the whole neighborhood, Connor, your parents and grandparents. Go get them!!!

I finally caught up with Bettyann Hastings. She has been busy prepping rooms to paint. Last week Jack and Julie, Eric and Jeff all came for the weekend and helped wash the windows, clean up and paint. Had a nice weekend together. Boy, I sure could use helpers like that.

This week you also get the answer to the Trivia: In 1917 Porter Farwell had a Mitchell car.

Alder River Grange had its turkey supper on Nov. 14, and 15 veterans had a free supper. Alder River Grange thanks Lynn and Roger Zimmerman in the clear up of the dining area. This is a big help.

Alder River Grange had a regular meeting on Friday the 13th. The next meeting will be at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street with a 6 p.m. potluck supper and the meeting at 7 p.m. At this meeting, plans will be made for the new year.

Enjoy every day and have a great week.

## West Bethel

By Karen Paul



A friend and I traveled north to Oquossoc Township, an unincorporated village located where State Routes 4 and 17 join at the northwest end of Rangeley Lake. Oquossoc has its own post office which opened on Dec. 17, 1902. Gerry had never been to the Height of Land on Route 17. I guess I hadn't been there for a couple years and found the new scenic turnout a pleasant surprise. The view over Toothaker Island and Moolookmeguntic Lake takes your breath away. Below us we could even see the Bemis Road, a dirt road where originally a railroad built along the Swift River would take guests to the Lake. The trip was finished off with a stop at Marden's.

Cathryn Lovejoy attended the Veteran's Day celebration at the Jackson Silver Post American Legion Hall in Greenwood. A prayer, service, gun salute, and flag burning ceremony commemorated the veterans and their service to our country.

Members of the Nazarene Church are making baskets and delivering to shut-ins and elderly this week. Some of the places visited will be Market Square, Norway Re-hab, the Bethel House, and Ledgewood to name a few.

I attended the November Pleasant Valley Grange potluck supper and meeting on Thursday night. Ina Grover hosted and I was awarded my 40 year certificate for continuous support and membership.

## Andover

By Jane C. Rich



Christmas Craft Fair lovers are reminded of two upcoming events in Andover. This

Saturday, the 21st, the Andover Elementary PTA is sponsoring a fair at the Andover Elementary School gym beginning at 9 a.m. featuring local vendors. The students will be having a cookie table so plan to buy some goodies for your Thanksgiving celebration. There will also be a silent auction. The event will close at 3 p.m. If you're still looking for the right gift or for some excellent baked goods, then remember the Dec. 5 Christmas events at the Fire Station and the First Congregational Church. The church hours are 8 to 2 while the Fire Station will be open until 3 to accommodate the schedule of a very busy man, Santa Claus at 2 p.m.

Don't forget to take a look at the story book trail before the snow comes. It begins behind the Fire Station and ends at the school. One part of the story is a little hard to find. It's hidden in the trees behind the library. The featured story now is "Creepy Carrots by Aaron Reynolds. The trail is provided by a joint effort of the Olde Home Day and Recreation Committees. This could be a family fun time including parents and grandparents for a nice walk. Since the weather promises to be mild for this time of year, this is a priceless opportunity.

On Monday evening the Recreation Committee and several others gathered to hear a presentation by Claire Polfus from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy regarding becoming a trail friendly town. Other towns in Maine with that designation are Rangeley, Monson and Millinocket. One of the things I didn't know and learned was that a number of people in town along with their families maintain sections of the trail. That group includes,

Claire Sessions, Earl and Margery Town, Tim Akers, and Rick Mills. Andover is already a trail friendly community with two "hostels," Pine Ellis in the village and The Cabin in East Andover. A lot of us have transported hikers back to the trail at one time or another or on a regular basis, me included. The First Congregational Church as well as Calvary Bible Church often welcome trail hikers who want to worship on Sunday mornings. In order to become a trail friendly community we would have to have a steering committee and arrange a trail festival. With our limited number of interested people and resources, it does not seem possible to move beyond our current type of trail friendliness to include other commitments.

The Budget Committee for the 2016 fiscal year of the Town began meeting on Wednesday evenings. Members include Jere Melzar, Elaine Morton, David Percival, Judy Tabb and Leo Camire. The group elected Leo Camire as Chairman and Elaine Morton as Secretary. Treasurer, Barbara Simmons had prepared a hand-out of the financial status of the Fire Department, EMA and E 911 addressing agencies in Town to be used in preparation for the next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at the Town Office at 6 p.m. Department heads will be present to explain the projected budgets. In other business, the committee discussed several non-profit requests for donations. Since I'm attending these meetings, I'll be able to give you a weekly progress report on the budget.

The Town Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Since Thanksgiving is rather late this year, be sure to register your car before the 26th as the office will not reopen until Monday, Nov. 30. Avoid the end of the month rush, if possible.

## Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday, Nov. 9 with nine members present. A note from Sue thanking members for the paperback books for veterans. She would now like thank you notes to go into each book. It was voted to buy a Civil War marker for the new monument. Elsie reported she had a phone

call from Elvena, who is 100 years old, a member of the DUVCW, and she was doing well. Calls reported were 30 and mystery package went to Helvi Cary. Next meeting will be Dec. 14 with exchange of gifts and a tasting party. Nomination of officers: Voted to keep the same officers.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. at the Grange Hall with a potluck dinner following. The Thanksgiving basket will be drawn at this time.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Mid-Week Service for Nov. 24 will be Tuesday evening. Also at this time, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be Saturday, Nov. 21 at 7 a.m. The ladies enjoyed Coffee Cup Devotions with Paula Jones on Thursday, Nov. 10.

Larry Billings invites everyone to apartment A9 at the Bethel House, where he has great exhibits and reference books on several subjects. He often has country and classical music playing in the background.

Eight members of Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW attended the Veteran's Day program at Jackson-Silver Post 68, Locke's Mills.

What a shame more people don't attend these programs.

## Gilead

By Lin Chapman



There were a few snowflakes this past weekend in Gilead. I am happy to say that it was just a little flurry.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house last Saturday. After visiting for a while, he went to the town office to post a notice for the Gilead School Board meeting that will be held on Nov. 19 at 5 p.m.

Lise McLain attended the Bethel Senior Citizens potluck lunch and meeting at the Methodist Church this past week.

Steve and Lise McLain attended the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS) dinner and informational meeting last Thursday at the Bethel Inn. Also attending from Gilead was Jeremy Morin.

**Town Office**  
Dog owners should remember that dog licenses are due by the end of December. There have been several issued, but still more that are due. Please stop by the office when the Town Clerk is there - 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. If the dog is spayed/neutered, the price is \$6. If the dog is not, the price is \$11. If the dog has a current rabies shot on file in the office, a check for the correct

amount can be mailed to the office and the license will be sent back.

The Board of Selectmen met on Wednesday, Nov. 11. A write-up of the meetings can be found elsewhere in the paper - Notes from the Gilead Selectmen's Meeting.

**Gilead Historical Society**  
The GHS recently received grant funds to help with completing the handicap access projects that have been ongoing. The funds will also help with some items for the research library. An official press release will give more details on the grant.

Got any news? Call 836-2387 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

## Hanover

By Maria Holloway



**Correction**  
Correction to last week's column - The public is invited to a Celebration of The

Andy Project on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Sunday River Brewing Company. Food and drink will be available for purchase. The menu features pizza, salads, pub style meals, sandwiches and more and is reasonably priced. Highlights of the evening will include a special recognition of Hanover's 2015 Volunteers of the Year and a weigh-out by Ben Byam who began his Weight Loss Challenge for the Project in September. You will also have an opportunity to purchase a special, limited edition Andy Project souvenir. For more information, please contact HanoverMeNews@gmail.com.

**Eagle Scout Awarded**  
Congratulations to Keith Crockett-Harrington of Bethel for having achieved Eagle Scout Rank. After 11 years of scouting, Keith sat before the Pine Tree Council Board of Review on Veteran's Day and underwent two hours of questioning regarding his Eagle Scout Project, Scouting values, leadership, honor, and giving back to Scouting. Keith's Eagle Scout Project, the Picnic Pavilion adjacent to the Library and Town Office, was a beautiful gift to the Town of Hanover.

When asked how he felt about receiving this honor, Keith said, "I am very happy and proud of myself. I will still stay involved in Scouts and participate in future Scouting activities." Thank you also to Ellie Andrews for hand sewing all 26 Scout patches on Keith's shirt in preparation for his review. Amazing! Keith also has recently received his Commercial Class B Driver's License. We are proud of you, Keith, and of all your accomplishments. Thank you for all that you have done for the Town of Hanover.

**Thank You**  
Many thanks to Kelly Harrington, Buster Chase, and

Keith Harrington for their hard work this weekend. They removed the old flag pole in front of the Town Office which has recently been replaced by a new flagpole with brand new U.S. and State of Maine flags. The new pole was erected a few weeks ago in memory of Clem Worcester, former Hanover Town Clerk and dedicated citizen of the Town. The pole and flags were gifted to the Town by the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library with donations from the Library's Clem Worcester Memorial Fund.

After removing the old flagpole, Kelly, Buster and Keith made their way to Howard Pond and brought the floating swim dock to the shore for the winter. The water was quite shallow and the dock got stuck on a large boulder but eventually, after much determination, the three managed to set it free and floated it to the shoreline. Kelly reported "The water was cold!" Thank you, Kelly, Buster and Keith.

## Winter Market

Don't miss the (WMWM) Western Maine Winter Market held every Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the former Greenwood Town Office located in the Greenwood/Locke's Mills district on Route 26, adjacent to the Greenwood Post Office. It is a fabulous farmers market of local growers. The winter veggies are amazing - onions, squash, potatoes, beets, Brussel sprouts, garlic, leeks, carrots - and even some local greenhouse tomatoes and delicate salad and cooking greens. There are plenty of homemade baked goods including breads, pies, cookies, and sweet treats. You may also purchase locally raised meats, eggs, and homemade cheeses as well as jams, crafts and even essential oils, lotions and soaps.

Be sure to get there when the Market opens for the best selection. I've heard they sometimes sell out by about 4:30! Support your local growers and enjoy great tasting fresh and wholesome food while it lasts. The Market is scheduled to continue every Friday through December. You may visit their Facebook page (Western Mountains Winter Market) for more information, beautiful pictures, and how you may order ahead.

**Town Business**  
Dog licenses are due Dec. 31. Fees are \$11 for male/female or \$6 for spayed/neutered dogs. Please bring proof of your dog's rabies and spay/neuter certificate. There will be a \$25 late fee imposed after Jan. 31, 2016. For any animal control issues or concerns, please call the Oxford County Sheriff's Office directly at 800-733-1421.

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## Locke's Mills

By Amy Wight Chapman



It has been a hard week for our world and its people. It's difficult to know what to say about the terrible attacks in Beirut and Paris last week, except to note that the perpetrators of these attacks are not representative of the vast majority of people of the Muslim faith, and are, in fact, the reason so many refugees are fleeing Syria, in fear for their lives.

I fear that the next steps are backlash, retaliation, and an escalation of violence, with no end in sight. Former President Jimmy Carter, in accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002, said, "War may sometimes be a necessary evil. But no matter how necessary, it is always an evil, never a good. We will not learn how to live together in peace by killing each other's children."

Pray for peace.

On a much lighter note, Tony and I took a skidder tire to Farmington to be repaired on Monday, and while we waited for it to be done, we spent part of a beautiful fall day poking around on the back roads of Temple. We had read Maine author Bill Roorbach's wonderful book, Temple Stream, recently, and we wanted to see both the stream and the town for ourselves.

We discovered an old schoolhouse, preserved and repurposed as the Temple Historical Society, and the Temple Stream Theater, housed in a converted 1830s church. At the end of a long dirt road, where we turned around in a dooryard, we met Michael Romanynshyn, a very pleasant guy who told us about his fledgling birch syrup business (yes, that's birch syrup—not maple). We chatted with him for a long time, and he even gave us copies of three books by his late father-in-law, George Dennison. We didn't realize until later, after I looked up the Temple Stream Theater online, that he and his wife are its owners.

Tony is much more extroverted than I am, and when we go places together, we almost always meet interesting people. On my own, I might have just waved to that guy at the end of the road, turned around, and gone on my way, but our visit with him turned out to be a highlight of the day.

I just started a new (third) part-time job, as substitute instructor in the SAD 44 Adult Education program. My biggest challenge will be to stay ahead of the students, especially in math. I spent a few hours reviewing high school algebra this weekend. After 40 years, I'm surprised at how much is coming back to me, but I'm definitely a little rusty. Factors and variables and polynomials, oh my!

Don't forget the annual chicken pie supper tonight (Thursday) at the First Universalist Church of West Paris. The doors open at 4:30, with dinner served at 5:30. The cost is \$10 for

adults, \$5 for kids ages 5-12, and free for kids under 5. With my new job, I'm now working on Thursday evenings, so I won't be able to go, but I'm sending Tony and Will there for dinner. A couple of my pies—bumbleberry crumble, a specialty—will also be there, so if you get to go, keep an eye out for them!

E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

## Mason

By Richard Grover



Last Saturday evening we went to the Sunday River Brew Pub to celebrate grand-

son Andy Lowe's birthday. It was pretty much a family affair, and Carrie brought 2 year old Harper. Harper had a great time running over to the pool table to watch the balls roll around the table. Then one of our waitresses brought in a cluster of helium balloons, and Harper got all excited. Someone handed her a birthday balloon with all sorts of multicolored hearts, stars and other birthday motif, which thrilled her to no end—until Harper looked at the remaining balloons in the cluster and pointed and jabbered unintelligibly until Kate figure out that Harper wanted the plain green balloon. Harper was so thrilled she let out a series of excited little screeches until she was given the string to hold the balloon. Then she let the balloon ascend to its full height at the end of the string, and she kept saying, "Uh-oh! Uh-oh! Repeatedly for several minutes before the "new wore off."

Monday, Al Lovejoy came down the road with his skidder and pushed over the last of the pine trees that tilted toward the electric power lines at the side of the road. As the last of the trees came crashing to the ground, I gave out a huge sigh of relief! Another worrisome task was finally finished. Now, I can settle down and concentrate on just logging the rest of the pine trees on the back side of the lot. I am thoroughly grateful to Al for his willingness to help a friend in need!

## Newry

By Doug Webster



The road committee met on Monday the 16th. The committee has been discussing

different options for the reconstruction of the outer Sunday River Road. That section of road has had a lot of inspecting and preliminary studies. Engineer Jim Sysko did an analysis almost 10 years ago. Newry's CEO Dave Bonnie has also done a recent assessment of the road. He put together an estimate to fix the road with some minor shimming in upgrades. So far the Selectboard has made no decisions, although after some citizen input last year, they have decided to study it some more. The road committee was formed, and they have de-

cided to have a public information gathering meeting. The day will be Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. If you have any thoughts on how you would like to see the road improved, please show up with your ideas. Jim Sysko said he would draw up some plans and show three different sections of a road profile so citizens will have a few options. They can visualize what the road would look like with different widths, with or without bike lanes and other possible options.

There was a woods fire in and around the Meadowview subdivision off Route 26 in Newry. According to fireman Alan Fleet the fire burned the underbrush in approximately a five acre area. Determination of the origin of the fire was still under speculation.

Two members of the Telstar Youth Rebels football team presented a plaque to the Selectboard, thanking them for their donation to the team.

Susan Herlihy and Jackie and Al Cressy made a presentation to the Selectboard for an organization called The Age Friendly Community. It is a program run by A.A.R.P. Mr. Cressy told the Selectboard that Bethel has signed up, and they got a \$7,000 grant to produce a survey to find out the needs of people over 50 in the Bethel and surrounding area. They said that transportation was highest priority in the survey. People are concerned about getting to the grocery store and to the doctor. The group would like to see SAD 44 district towns adopt this program and work together to help the elderly to live in their own homes as long as possible.

A few weeks ago an organization called Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative made a presentation to the select board. They also would like the town to work with them to help the regional towns work together and to provide input on town functions. Most of these organizations seem to rely on grant money. That's all well and good and there are a lot of great people that are willing to donate for their cause. I would only say that the borrower is always slave to the lender. And when we start mixing private organizations and municipalities and government institutions then things can get tricky. I think everyone has good intentions, I just hope that our towns can keep their own identities and have the ability to be unique and different from other towns, as well as being part of a region.

In other news the Selectboard narrowed down the selection of applicants for the position of town admin-

istrator. Now they will proceed with interviews and the rest of the hiring process—stay tuned.

## South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham



12:15 p.m. Nov. 16

A very cold and windy day here today; the sun is so nice with the pretty blue sky and it's a great day for the middle of November.

Condolences are going out to the families of Elinor Goodwin, Jean E. Arsenault and June Gammon. Our thoughts and prayers with each family member.

I would like to say hi to Larry (Lawrence) Waterhouse and to wish him a great weekend. I so enjoy seeing him every month when we share our time with the Rumford residents.

Get well wishes are going out to Earl Hart and others who are having medical issues.

A Country Show and Dance will be held Saturday Nov. 21 at the Jay AmVets Post (Route 4) in Jay from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Door admission: \$5. There will be raffles, 50/50 drawing and food concession. Off The Hill Band will be there, The Wildwood Band, Paul Bright and many more.

The kids (Craig and April) joined us for supper yesterday; it's always great having them stop in. Craig is so busy hauling pulp, logs and firewood and he works many weekends and long hours so we don't get to see him as often as we would like.

The darn squirrels chewed off the rope that was holding one of our feeders, so now the feed is all over the ground and they are having a feast.

We are playing for the residents at Ledgeview tomorrow. And next week we will be entertaining the veterans in Paris.

Have to pick up our oranges tonight at the church. I so love their winter fruit program. And I share with family and friends. They also enjoy the fresh fruit throughout the winter months.

It's that time of year for the humidifiers; the air gets so dry with the heat. So we bought one that has warm mist instead of the cold mist. I like it much better than the old one.

Critter stew for supper, I know Yogi will like that after a day out in the cold and wind.

Paula and I will be getting together for a practice next week to get our Christmas show music lined up for next month.

That's all for this week from the valley.

Wishing y'all a great weekend, enjoy the great weather we are having.

## Upton

By Joe Bernier



The Upton Ladies Aid has chosen Saturday, Dec. 12 as the date for their annual Christmas party. I will relay more information as I receive it.

One of my brothers and I were hiking on Red Ridge Saturday. We climbed over the top of the ridge to the west side and entered a large clear-cut. We could see a town toward the southwest, Milan, N.H., I believe. Further south, we could see the stacks of the Burgess Bio-Power facility in Berlin and another structure which I think was the water tower at the prison. I doubt that there was another human in miles. My brother has a phone that is voice activated, I have never used one and he is learning about it. After pushing a couple buttons, in a clear concise voice he said "Where am I?" The answer that came on the screen was, "Boston!" I had not been to Boston in more than ten years. It certainly did not look the way I remembered it.

There are several ongoing logging operations in Grafton. Some of them are using the roads that are usually part of the snowmobile trail system. Most loggers are generally very good about sharing the roads, but plowed roads and skidders do not enhance riding conditions. Hopefully, the loggers will move to other locations before riding season begins.

Perhaps all of us that do not participate in Black Friday should utilize some of the day snow-dancing. Something needs to be done to ensure that we have a white Christmas.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your local news.

## Waterford

By Rockie Graham



Today it began to finally feel like November. It did warm up for a while late morning early afternoon. But with the time change, it didn't last long as before we knew it, it was on towards dark. Don't I hate that. I do not like having to ask for rides because I can't see to drive safely after dark. It just is the way it is.

Went to French Road yesterday to see the Patriots Game.

We still have only channel 8 here. I spoke with someone about getting basic cable. He was very nice, quoted me a price for it, etc. I waited to ask David. I called back and the cost had risen from \$15.75 to \$34. Needless to say I told her we didn't really need it after all. Might be cheaper to get a new antenna or find out why we no longer get more than Channel 8 news station of the giggle sisters. Their morning news is not worth watching. Now the 3 a.m. broadcasters actually tell you something. Of course, at that hour it is yesterday's news, but it is still worth something. Now the ads are laughable. But I guess they think that is what all us insomniacs want to buy.

Next Wednesday, Nov. 25, is the Full Beaver Moon. Means we'll have a full moon Thanksgiving evening, too. That will be nice. Maybe we can go out for a short walk after we eat too much turkey. That is my favorite holiday. No religious overtones to duck and simple family/friend time holiday. Then there is Turkey Tuesday which I admire because it donates food and money to the food cupboard. Plus it means a good meal for everyone involved. How can one do better?

Thanksgiving is Nov. 26. I remember some years we had so much snow we could cross country ski from the dooryard on Thanksgiving. Not this year and that is just fine with me. Still waiting for the plow truck to be finished. Too many other things that have needed to be done. Soon.

Thursday, Nov. 19, MM&GM Third Thursday Talk, 3 p.m. at Maine Mineral and Gem Museum, Main Street, Bethel. Dr. Carl Francis will speak about pegmatites of Lovell, Stow and Stoneham areas.

At 5:30 p.m. in West Paris at the First Universal Church the annual chicken pie supper will be served. Adults \$10 kids \$5. Under 5 eat free.

Nov. 22, NHS Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Supper at 12 noon at Telstar High School. FMI please call 824-2136.

Don't forget the Rotary Breakfast, Sunday, Nov. 29, 7:30 to 11 a.m. at Gould Academy Ordway Dining Area. Someone save three tickets for Dave, Sadie and me. Adults \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Under 12 \$5.

That is all for this week. Stay warm and snug. Get all those chores done early in the day. To send me some info, please call 743-0583.

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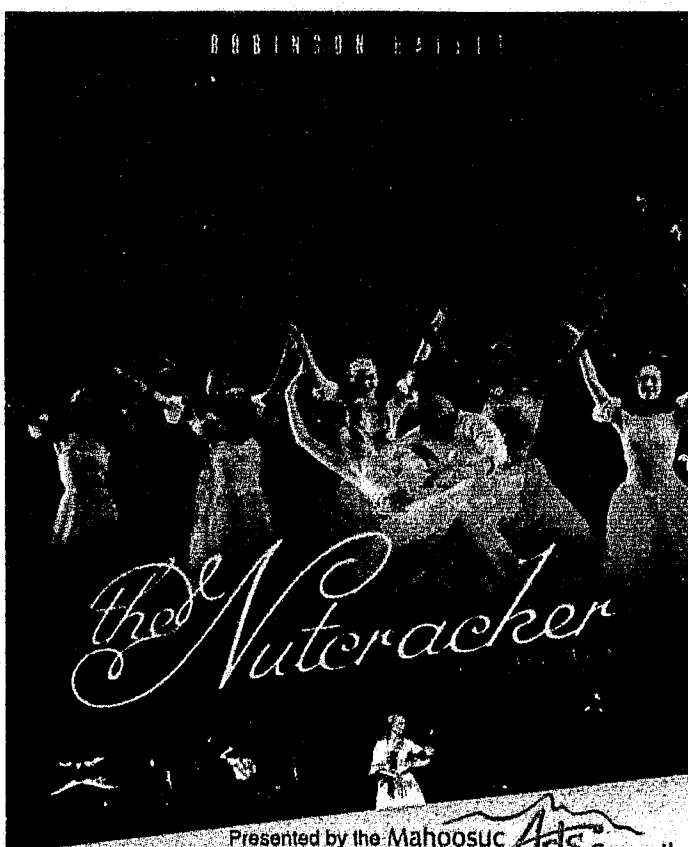
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# Students to be cast in 'Emperor's New Clothes'

Auditions for the Children's Stage Adventures production of "The Emperor's New Clothes" will be held at 3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 7 at the Crescent Park School.

Approximately 50 local children, grades kindergarten through five will be cast to appear in the show with CSA actors/educators Lorrie and Rob Gray. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.

The performances will take place on, Friday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 12 at 11 a.m. at Crescent Park School.

Set in the frontier town of Royal City, The Emperor's New Clothes is a new musical telling of the popular tale by Hans Christian Anderson, joined with the spirit of the American West.

While on a world tour the clothes collecting Emperor of Snobsylvania and his entourage stop for a visit in the railroad town of Royal City. The citizens of Royal City are star struck by the presence of real honest to goodness royalty and the Emperor is positively enchanted by the wardrobe of the American Cowboy. A pair of no-good carpetbaggers take advantage of everyone by posing as tailors to swindle the Emperor by selling him non-existent clothes.

The town is giddy: caught up in the glamour of the royal visit and the antics of the swindlers. Ultimately everyone learns the lessons of standing up against peer pressure and using reason with good judgment to see the truth.

Children planning to audition should arrive by the

scheduled starting time and plan to stay for the entire two-hour session. No advanced preparation is necessary to take part in the auditions.

Rehearsals will be conducted from 3 to 7:30 p.m. every day of the week prior to performances. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week, and, if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals for their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the auditions.

Cast members scheduled to rehearse for the full four hours in one day will be asked to bring a sack meal or snack.

The first rehearsal will begin about 30 minutes af-

ter the auditions.

Rob and Lorrie Gray are the founders of Children's Stage Adventures, Inc. They both have extensive backgrounds in children's and community theatre.

2015-16 is Children's Stage Adventures seventeenth year touring the northeast with more than 70 residencies scheduled. Based in Sullivan, N.H., CSA is a non-profit organization supported in part by charitable donations. This coming year hundreds of cast members will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, communities, neighbors and teachers.

The residency in SAD 44 is made possible by the Mahoosuc Arts Council. Come out and support the youth of your community while enjoying a great show.

## Gilead Historical Society receives grant

The Gilead Historical Society recently learned that the Directors of the Maine Community Foundation had approved a \$4,000 advised grant. This grant is made from the Sunday River Community Fund at the recommendation of Sunday River Community Fund Advisory Committee.

The Society applied for this grant in hopes to finally have enough funds to help with a couple of projects. One of them is to complete the handicap access project for the historical buildings and to help with expanding the Research Library that is being formed. Now, the handicap access project will begin in the spring. Due to the interest in genealogy, the Research Library can obtain the material needed to assist these people seeking their ancestors. Archival materials for the library can also be purchased. The Gilead Historical Society is extremely grateful for this generous contribution.

## Lake Region Community Chorus Winter Concert

The Lake Region Community Chorus is joyfully preparing for its third annual Winter Concert which will be held at the Twitchell Chapel at the Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton. The concerts are scheduled for Friday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. This relatively new chorus is made up of 52 members from 14 surrounding towns in the Lake Region. The program offers a great variety of musical styles from the classical to popular and everything in between.

Come and hear these energetic singers perform old favorites like I'll Be Home for Christmas and Happy Holidays as well as traditional carols that include an English medley and Go Tell it on the Mountain. Bernie Vigna and Rusty Wiltjer will create their magical accompaniments on percussion instruments and George Szok will accompany Ose Shalom on the violin. There will be other instrumental surprises as well!

The LRCC is directed by Jan Jukkola, Nancy Capone and John Waldie. The group is accompanied by Carolyn Stanhope with assistants, Nancy Capone, Carol Rhoads and John Waldie. The chorus would like to thank the Bridgton Academy for all their help and support and providing them with rehearsal space and a concert venue. There is a suggested donation of

\$5 to \$10 to help cover operating costs but all are welcome to attend the performances. Come and experience the holiday spirit with the Lake Region Community Chorus and a musical program that is sure to please.



**EARLY VOTER TRIES TABULATOR**  
Roger Rines, 81, of Woodstock is often the first voter to cast a ballot when the polls open in Woodstock. Here he is seen casting his ballot for the first time Nov. 3 on the DS-200 tabulator. The electronic voting was a first for Woodstock, and it took place during the Bicentennial Year.

Vern Maxfield

## Gobble Up This Turkey Trivia

As families dig into their delicious Thanksgiving meal, some may wonder more about the delicious bird before them.

Here are some known and lesser-known facts about Tom Turkey.

- The taste of turkeys has to do with their age. An older male is preferable to a younger male, because the young "tom" is stringy. Conversely, younger female hens are preferred to older ones.

- A turkey less than 16 weeks old is called a fryer. An older turkey between 5 and 7 months of age is known as a roaster.

- Wild turkeys are able to fly for short durations and up to 55 mph. However, domesticated turkeys

raised on farms for food are bred to be fat and meaty, which prevents their ability to get airborne.

- Male turkeys make the commonly known "gobble" sound, particularly during breeding seasons to attract a mate. Females, however, cluck.

- The skin that hangs from a turkey's neck is known as a wattle. The fleshy growth on the base of the beak is known as the snood.

- Every year 90 percent of Americans enjoy a turkey dinner for Thanksgiving, compared to 50 percent on Christmas.

- America doesn't consume the most turkey per capita; Israel does.

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# MAHOOSUC KIDS



## Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

### From the Director

Everyone at MKA had so much fun recently celebrating "Lights On Afterschool" along with thousands of other programs around the country.

The TMS kids and WES kids went together to the Climbing Wall at Bryant Pond and had such a great time together helping each other that we have decided to do more programs together.

The CPS gang had a Halloween Party after school which also was really fun. Thanks so much to all who helped us celebrate how important it is to have quality afterschool programs for our kids and families.

Good luck to our first LEGO team as they participate in the first round of tournaments this weekend at Jay High School. This round will get them ready for the statewide tournament at the Augusta Civic Center in December.

MKA would like to welcome two new board members Sarah DeCato and Leanne Candura. We all look forward to having them not only as parents of children in the program but as community members who will help with the future of the organization.

Parents are reminded that MKA will be available at CPS during the upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your time off with friends and family.

Julie Hart,  
MKA Director



Having fun playing in the big leaf pile!



On October 22nd, 17 students from our sites at Telstar High School, Telstar Middle School, and Woodstock Elementary School, went to the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center to be introduced to their new rock climbing wall. Here, Bryant Pond staff gets Nyla Scott ready.



Autumn Padgett takes her turn on the climbing wall.



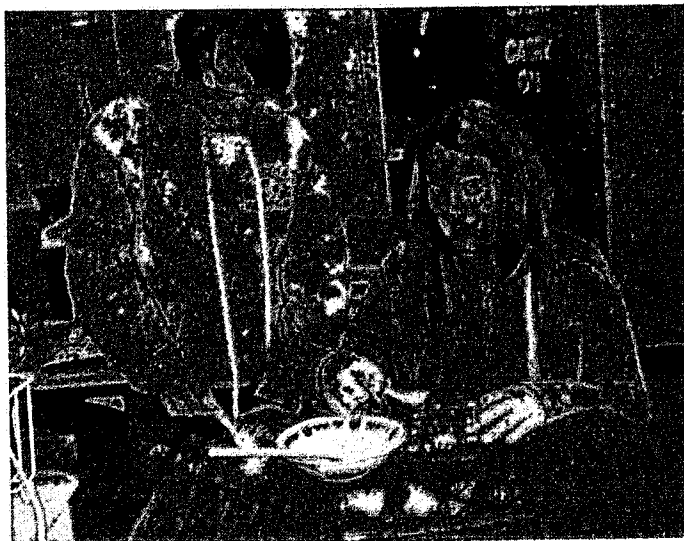
Telstar High School student, Kayla prepares to climb the wall.



"Lego League members have made a "Need a bag, Give a bag" box for Bethel Foodliner customers who forgot their tote bags, similar to pennies available at cash registers. Clean donations of tote bags are welcome! Thank you to Colleen at the Bethel Foodliner for encouraging this project.



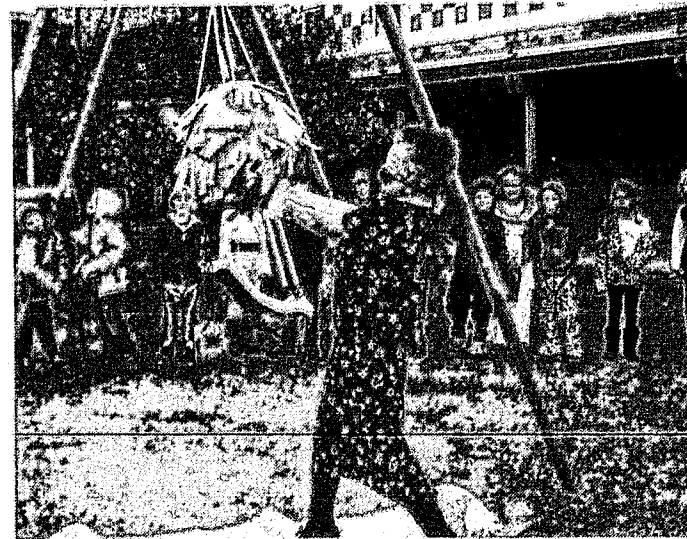
Woodstock Mahoosuc Kids pause for a group photo. Left to right: Theo, Tanner, Sawyer, Nyla, Megan, Grace, Maylyn, Riley, and Jonathan.



Abbey and Savannah making homemade chocolate using Halloween chocolate molds.



Decorating spooky sugar cookies during our Lights On After School celebration!



Evan taking a swing at our handmade piñata!

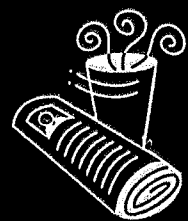


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## Bethel Senior Citizen news

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Nov. 11 at the Bethel Methodist Church for their meeting and potluck dinner with 38 members present. President Fran Head conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag. "God Bless America" was sung with Joan Cole at the piano. Carol Stevens, Minister at the Methodist Church, offered a prayer. Reports were given by Arlene Lowell and Becky Keen.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Ruth Hazelton and the door prize by Mary Brown.

The next meeting is Dec. 9 at the Sudbury Inn. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. Menu is beef steak or baked haddock. Reservations must be made before Dec. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell with your choice. Price of dinner is \$15.

Nov. 22 at noon is the National Honor Society dinner for senior citizens at Telstar High School.

Dec. 8 at noon is the Rotary Club dinner for senior citizens at the Locke's Mills Legion Hall.

Officers for the coming year are: President Fran Head, Vice-president Lise McLain, Treasurer Becky Keen, Asst. Treasurer Barbara Mahler, Secretary Arlene Lowell and Asst. Secretary Lise McLain.

Membership dues (\$3) are due at the January meeting. Envelopes will be available for donations for Nina Wheeler's Christmas for Families and the Bethel Food Pantry for those who would like to donate.

A reading was done by Fran Head in observance of Veterans Day. Members who were Veterans were asked to stand and were given a round of applause. Several members told about family members who served in the military or are still serving.

Happy birthday was sung to those having November birthdays: Nancy Brown, Grace Douglass, Eleanor Brooks, Ray Cole and David Head.



**FOUR COMEDY PLAYS TO BE PERFORMED NOV. 20 AND 21**—The WMSC Senior College Players, known as experienced "prime time players," will present four short comedies on Friday, Nov. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Gould Academy McLaughlin Auditorium. One of the plays, "Drinks with Charles," by Jim Gordon, features Tim LeConey as investment guru (above right) who plans to tout his "can't fail" investment strategies to three "unsuspecting" women, (above from left) Tineke Ouwinga, Barb Dion and Roberta Taylor. Admission to the performance is free but donations will be appreciated to offset royalty fees. Intermission will include cookies and treats in the lobby. FMI call Lorrie Hoeh at 824-2917. Submitted photo

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Northern Vista at Home Senior Care;** Free shuttle service to those going to reoccurring chemo or radiation appointments at St. Mary's or Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. To schedule a ride, call Gerry McCann, director, at 207-836-2173.

**District Exchange;** Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Bethel Area Food Pantry;** serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street. Donations for the Bethel Food Pantry should be left on the porch at 57 Elm Street. Contact Dave Bean at beand@gouldacademy.org or 824-0369 with any questions.

Thursday, Nov. 19

**SeniorsPlus Long Distance Learning Event;** 1 to 2:30 p.m. A class on Consumer Fraud Protection. Free with pre-registration. Call 1-800-427-1241.

**MM&GM Third Thursday Talk;** 3 p.m., Maine Mineral and Gem Museum, Main Street, Bethel. Dr. Carl A. Francis, curator at the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum, will present the first in a series of public monthly "Third Thursday Talks." Francis' topic will be the pegmatites (coarse-grained igneous rocks) of the Lovell, Stoneham and Stow areas. Since 1881, many pegmatites have been discovered in the area, yielding gems as well as feldspar and mica for industrial purposes.

**Annual Chicken Pie Supper;** 5:30 p.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris (tickets go on sale at the door starting at 4:30). Menu: Homemade chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas, squash, cranberry sauce, rolls, dessert pies, coffee, tea, punch and water. \$10/adults, \$5/kids 5 to 12, kids 5 and under eat free.

Nov. 20 and 21

**WMSC's Prime Time Players (formerly known as Senior College Players);** 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. The theme, "What goes 'round, comes 'round" demonstrates that people are complex and not always what they appear to be at first encounter. The public is invited to attend and see popular local talent perform in four short one-act comedy plays. Admission is free. However, donations will be appreciated to offset Royalty fees. FMI: Lorrie Hoeh (824-2917).

Friday, Nov. 20

**Oxford County Educators Association-Retired (OCEA-R) Meeting;** Locke's Mills American Legion Hall. Sign-in will begin at 10:30 a.m. A business meeting will be held at 11 a.m. and a meal prepared by members of the Legion Auxiliary will be served at approximately noon.

Nov. 21 and 22

**Tin Mountain Roundup;** 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Barker Lodge, Sunday River. Three donations of nonperishable food items to be distributed to local food banks qualify skiers and snowboarders for \$10 off a lift ticket.

**Movie Screenings;** The Gem Theater, 23 Cross Street, Bethel. "End of Tour" (Rated R), showing Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. "Free Birds" (Rated PG), showing Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. FMI: www.thegemtheater.com.

Saturday, Nov. 21

**Holy Savior Catholic School and Parish Christmas Fair;** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Holy Savior Parish Hall, 115 Maine Avenue, Rumford. Handmade fresh wreaths \$20, handmade Christmas balls \$22. Lots of crafts, food, and raffles. Hot Turkey Luncheon: 10:30 to 2 (or until sold out). FMI: 364-2528.

**1st Annual Andover Elementary School Craft/Vendor Fair;** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 85 Pine Street, Andover. More than 50 well-known crafters will be in attendance. This is an event you don't want to miss! FMI: 357-2647.

**Public Forest Hike;** 9 a.m. at the Twin Bridges on Sunday River Road. Participants should be prepared for a four-mile, three-hour hike, mostly off-trail on rocky hillsides. Some blaze orange clothing is recommended as it is deer hunting season. Please let co-leader Mike Pease know by Friday evening if you are coming: msundance53@gmail.com. The old stands we'll visit have gnarled canopy trees exceeding 150 years, snags and logs, among other features. We'll talk about the characteristics and function of old stands and wild forest. This area of at least 35 acres on public lands is within a timber harvest planned for this winter.

**Texas Hold'em Tournament;** 1 p.m. (doors open at noon), Jackson-Silver Post 68, American Legion, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. \$55 buy-in, high hand option. 50/50, pull tabs. Meals and refreshments available.

able. BYOB. FMI: 890-3737.

**Family Open House;** 1 to 4 p.m., The Gem Theater, 23 Cross Street, Bethel. Thanksgiving crafts, games, bouncy house and a free movie! Please join us for a fun afternoon. The free movie, "Free Birds" (PG), will screen at 2 p.m. More info on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TheGemTheater.

**Jones Dance Band;** 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/\$5.

Sunday, Nov. 22

**NHS Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner;** 12 noon, Telstar cafeteria. If you have any questions, please call the Telstar High School office at 824-2136.

**Turkey Basket Giveaway;** 2 p.m., the Bethel Food Pantry, 16 Church Street, Bethel. The Bethel Food Pantry will give away a limited number of turkey baskets on a first come, first served basis for those living in MSAD 44 (please bring a driver's license as proof of residency). Turkeys are donated by Sunday River Ski Area. The Bethel Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of every month from noon until 8 p.m.

**Ecumenical Thanks Giving Service;** 3 p.m., Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street, Bethel. The offering will go to the Bethel Food Pantry. All are welcome.

**Bethel Episcopal House Church Service;** 3 p.m. This is a one-time change from the traditional third Sunday meeting. The Rev. Nancy Moore from Christ Episcopal Church, Norway, will lead the service and Holy Eucharist. House Church meets in Bethel at the home of a member and for location and more information please contact Rosemary Laban at 1-850-766-1241. All are welcome!

Monday, Nov. 23

**Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over;** 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

**SeniorsPlus;** 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Library. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. Free and open to the public. FMI/Appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Friday, Nov. 27

**Annual Local Craft and Wares Fair;** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bethel Inn Resort's Conference Center. You will find knit items, baskets, quilts & quilted items, handmade jewelry, jams, jellies, pickles, holiday decorations, photography, paintings, fiber art, weaving, soaps, creams, lotions, balsam products, wooden items, and much more. FMI: 207-824-2282.

**Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides;** 1 to 3 p.m. at the north end of the Bethel town common near the Chapman Inn. Rides given by Deepwood Farm, sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank.

**River Valley All Catholic School Alumni Reunion;** 5 p.m. Mass at Holy Savior followed by dinner downstairs in the parish hall to be held at St. Athanasius & St. John's Church, 126 Main Street, Rumford. Alumni from St. Athanasius & St. John's, St. Theresa's and Holy Savior are invited to attend. Reservations: Marie (491-7524).

Saturday, Nov. 28

**Public Smorgasbord Supper;** 5 to 6 p.m., 58 Lower Main Street, South Paris. \$8/adults, \$4/kids 12 and under. Sponsored by VFW Post 9787.

**Jones Dance Band;** 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/\$5.

**"Paradise Waits" Screening;** 8 p.m. (doors open at 7), The Gem Theater, 23 Cross Street, Bethel. "Paradise Waits" is the most recent ski and snowboard film from Teton Gravity Research. Join us at The Gem to get ready for winter! There will be prizes, too! This is a 21+ event. Tickets: \$10. FMI/Tickets: www.thegemtheater.com.

**Fireworks;** 8:30 p.m., Sunday River. Watch a brilliant display of colors light up the winter sky above the slopes of Sunday River. Fireworks are best viewed slopeside or on the deck at the Foggy Goggle.

Sunday, Nov. 29

**Bethel Rotary's Country Breakfast;** 7:30 to 11 a.m., Gould Academy's Ordway Hall, Church Street, Bethel. Adults/\$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Children/\$5. Proceeds to benefit community projects and scholarships.

**Music of December - A Concert Class;** 3 to 4:30 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. A variety of religious and popular songs of the season will be discussed and performed by an ensemble of local and imported musicians, including a chorus, soloists and instrumentalists.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

**#GivingTuesday and #MakingBANC;** Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Donations go directly to supporting over 80 individuals in Oxford, Franklin and Androscoggin counties. Please make checks payable to "Hope Association." Secure online donations can also be made by visiting www.hopeassociation.org.

**Bethel Senior Citizen Reservation Deadline;** Reservations for the December Bethel Senior Citizens meeting and luncheon must be received by this date. See Dec. 9 listing for details.

Dec. 2, 9 and 16

**Holiday Carol Singing Workshop;** 5 to 6 p.m., Telstar High School Room 218. This workshop is for singers hoping to gain more choral experience. We will practice holiday carol singing in part harmony. The first two classes are indoors, on the third class, we will go caroling out in the community. Instructor: Simon Smith. FMI/Registration: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or sad44.maineadulted.org.

Friday, Dec. 4

**Cookies With Santa at Woodstock Elementary School;** Santa lights the town Christmas tree at 6 p.m. and the fire department brings Santa over to the Woodstock School where students and their families may visit with Santa. There will be tables of crafts for students to make and lots of cookies to eat.

**LRCC Winter Concert;** 7 p.m., Twitchell Chapel, Bridgton Academy. The Lake Region Community Chorus (LRCC) program offers a great variety of musical styles from the classical to popular and everything in between. Come and hear these energetic singers perform old favorites like "I'll Be Home for Christmas and Happy Holidays as well as traditional carols that include an English medley and Go Tell it on the Mountain. Suggested donation: \$5 to \$10 (not required).

Saturday, Dec. 5

**Annual Christmas Fair and Tea;** 1 to 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Join us for a festive traditional tea and at the fair featuring Christmas and other handmade crafts, a cookie walk, attic treasures, and delicious food from bread to pickles. FMI: 824-2689, westparishucc@gmail.com or our website: www.bethelcongregationalchurch.org.

**Christmas at the Mason House;** 3:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason House, 14 Broad Street, Bethel. Music and refreshments in the Mason House period rooms, decorated in traditional 19th Century style and illuminated by candles. FMI: 824-2908.

**Parade of Lights and Family Christmas Festival;** The Berlin Main Street Program and Kiwanis Parade of Lights will start at 4 p.m. by the 12th Street Bridge, Berlin, N.H. and travel south to Heritage Park for the Knights of Columbus Family Christmas Festival. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit with the kids from 4 to 8 p.m., and there will be free hayrides, hot chocolate, children's games, prizes, and food for purchase. The evening will conclude with an 8 p.m. fireworks display, viewable from Heritage Park and all along the River Walk.

Sunday, Dec. 6

**Mahoosuc Community Band Winter Concert;** 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church.

Monday, Dec. 7

**Children's Stage Adventures Auditions;** 3 p.m., Crescent Park School, Bethel. Approximately 50 local children, grades kindergarten through five will be cast to appear in the CSA production of "The Emperor's New Clothes," a musical rendition of the Hans Christian Anderson classic joined with the spirit of the American West. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.

**Socrates Café Meeting;** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: The American Health System: Is It Working? Moderator: Therese Johnson. Light refreshments provided. FMI call 583-6957.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

**Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting/Luncheon;** 11 a.m., Sudbury Inn. Menu is baked haddock or beef steak. Reservations must be made before Dec. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. Price of dinner is \$15.

Friday, Dec. 11

**CSA Presents The Emperor's New Clothes;** 7 p.m., Crescent Park School, Bethel. Approximately 50 local children, grades kindergarten through five will present "The Emperor's New Clothes," a musical rendition of the Hans Christian Anderson classic joined with the spirit of the American West.

Saturday, Dec. 12

**CSA Presents The Emperor's New Clothes;** 11 a.m., Crescent Park School, Bethel. Approximately 50 local children, grades kindergarten through five will present "The Emperor's New Clothes," a musical rendition of the Hans Christian Anderson classic joined with the spirit of the American West.

Monday, Dec. 14

**SAD 44 School Board Meeting;** 6:30 p.m., Telstar Library.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

**Telstar Middle/High School Winter Concert;** 7 p.m., Telstar's Helen C. Berry Auditorium. Featuring performances from the middle and high school bands and choirs.







## Age-Friendly Community news

**LIVABILITY FACTOR No. 1: OUTDOOR SPACES AND BUILDINGS:** Are there safe and accessible recreational facilities in the community?

Our preliminary findings: some streets in Bethel village have paved sidewalks, but it would be nice to have them on other roads. There is a public restroom at the Bethel Chamber of Commerce office and two porta-potties at Davis Park.

The 1½-mile paved Bethel Recreational Path is used for walking, jogging, running, skateboarding, cycling, roller-blading, snowmobiling, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. It is fully handicapped accessible, with parking available both at Davis Park and at the Route 2/26 end. Benches are on both the pathway and the Bethel Common, a particularly lovely area of the village. Many public buildings are handicapped accessible.

Most public buildings have available parking nearby, but it has been suggested that there should be more. There are several fitness centers in town, with varying levels of difficulty and clientele. There are a host of outdoor options, also of varying difficulty.

Do you have additional thoughts about outdoor spaces and buildings – current assets? deficits? suggestions? Feel free to contact Judy Whitman (jwhitman728@gmail.com – 824-0437). All nine Livability Factor reports are available at the Bethel Library or the Bethel Family Health Center.

## 'Give a Can/Bag Tuesday' at Responsible Pet Care

There is a day for giving thanks and two days for getting deals. Now, there is a global day dedicated to giving back. It's called #GivingTuesday.

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give.

Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills will be participating in this event with their campaign: "Give a Can/Bag Tuesday."

Responsible Pet Care cares for stray and abandoned dogs and cats from the Oxford County area. At any given time there can be as many as 120 animals at the facility. With all those hungry pets waiting to be adopted or returned to their people, the shelter goes through

many bags and cans of food every day.

The expense of feeding hundreds of dogs and cats every year is very high. Responsible Pet Care often relies on the community for donations of food and other much needed items for the shelter.

With the "Give a Can/Bag Tuesday" campaign, the shelter is asking people to find a way for their family, business or organization to come together to give one can or one bag of dog or cat food per person.

One can of food can help an old kitty have a nutritious meal. One can of food can help a sick dog get strong. One bag of food can feed many dogs, cats and kittens until they are adopted.

The shelter's food resources are frequently low, particularly with canned food. Of

ten the elderly and sick animals are the only ones that can be fed the canned food.

Responsible Pet Care has made it easy for people to donate dog and cat food by using their Wish List on Amazon.com. The brands of pet food most used are on the wish list; and, they can be purchased and shipped directly to the shelter.

Food donations purchased locally can be brought to the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in Paris during the week of Dec. 1.

Responsible Pet Care invites people to join them on their Facebook page to learn more about "Give a Can/Bag Tuesday" and to post comments about how they plan to donate.

## Yoga classes benefit education

Yoga Classes with Yogamoto are held on Wednesdays and Saturdays in Bethel. On Wednesdays, classes take place at 4:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Annex at 75 Main Street. Yogamoto is a donation-based non-profit yoga practice. You pay what you can – suggested donation is \$5-\$15. Classes are one hour vinyasa flow and suitable to all skill levels.

Saturday classes are at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Proceeds are donated to local education. Private classes also available. FMI: www.yogamoto.com (207)200-3815 info@yogamoto.com.

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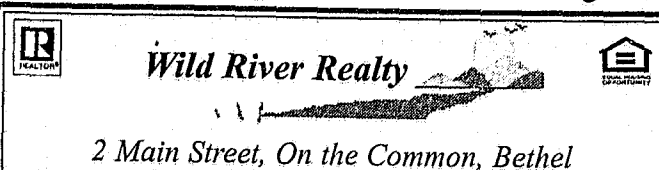
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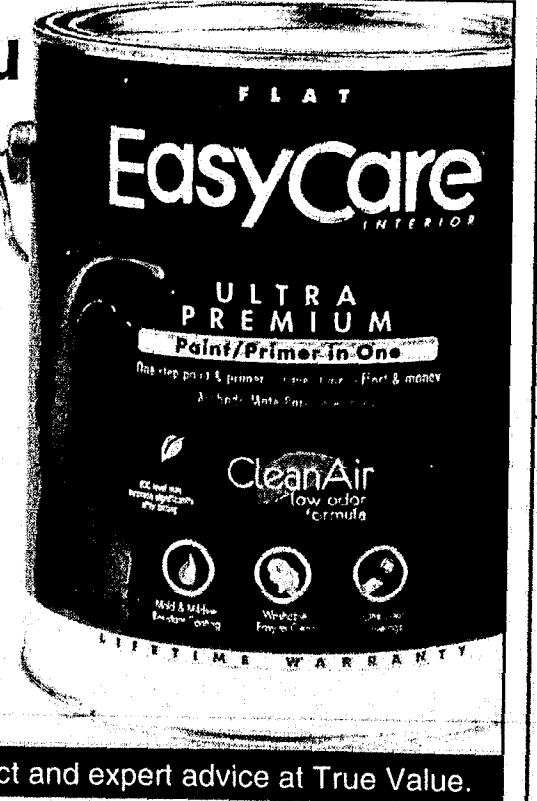
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# Obituaries

## ERLENE B. WATERHOUSE

Erlene B. Waterhouse, age 83, of Rumford, passed away Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015 at Rumford Community Hospital.

Erlene was born in Bridgton on June 12, 1932, the daughter of Erland and Violet (Turnbull) Knight. She was educated in Bridgton Schools and graduated from Bridgton High School.

Besides being a homemaker, Erlene worked at Newton Tebbets Wood Mill and retired from there after 30 years.

She had lived in Rumford for eight years.

Surviving are her hus-

band of over 50 years, Lawrence Waterhouse of Rumford; three sons, Edward Waterhouse and his wife, Pat of Lewiston, Erland Waterhouse of Dixfield, and Ernie Waterhouse of West Bethel; and three grandchildren, Melissa, Kayla and Amanda Waterhouse.

A celebration of her life will be held in the spring at time and date to be announced. Arrangements are in the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel. Condolences can be expressed to the family by visiting [www.chandlerfunerals.com](http://www.chandlerfunerals.com).

## Wish Ella a Happy 13th Birthday on November 23!

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**THS VOCALISTS CHOSEN FOR FESTIVAL**-Three vocalists from the Telstar High School Music Department were recently selected to sing at the All New England Choral Festival at Plymouth State University last week. Carla Boyle-Wight, Elijah Laird, and Christian Brown performed with a collective 275 voices representing the New England states. Their concert concluded a daylong event studying and performing Protest-themed music. The festival conductor was Dr. Daniel Perkins, Director of Choral activities at Plymouth State University, and Charlie Blood as the accompanist.  
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**WOODLOT FOR SALE**  
The Town of Woodstock Maine is offering for sale, by sealed bid, a property acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes on November 22, 1999. This 50 acre +- woodlot is adjacent to the discontinued section of Billings Hill Road on its southerly end and the Milton Town Line on its northerly end, and has not been harvested in well over twenty years. A Forest Management Plan was prepared for the property in March of 2008 and includes, among other information, the volume of timber on the lot at that time. A complete copy of the FMP is on file at the Woodstock Town Office. A copy of a title search is also available for your review.  
Selectmen have set the minimum bid at \$30,000.00, with closing to be held within 60 days. Bids for the property will be accepted until December 15, 2015 at 5:00PM. At that time the bids will be opened and read aloud.  
The Woodstock Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.  
For further information on this property please contact Vern Maxfield, Town Manager, at the Woodstock Town Office at 1-207-665-2668.

## "Win the Inn" contest

The idea of selling an inn for 150 dollars and an inspiring essay is spreading. The latest contest is offered by Darlene Ginsberg, who is looking for a new owner for her historic inn in Rumford Point, according to a press release. Contest details can be found at the Inn's website at [www.perennialinn.com](http://www.perennialinn.com).

The first business to garner national media attention with an inn-giveaway was the Center Lovell Inn and Restaurant, and then there was the Blue Hill Inn in Blue Hill.  
"Other inns have run essay contests, so why not us?" said Darlene Ginsberg, innkeeper and owner of the Perennial. Set on 42 acres of fields and woods, the small inn is a short drive off Route 2. It offers public space, seven bedrooms and five baths, and a huge old barn.  
The minimum number of entries for the Lovell and Blue Hill contests were 7,500. The Perennial Inn contest is making the odds a little better, with a smaller 5,000 entry minimum. Although more entries will

be accepted if received by the closing date of Feb. 29, 2016, if at least 5,000 are received the winner will also receive a check for \$20,000 to assist in the transition, for the new owners.  
The Ginsbergs bought the inn in 2003.  
"I believe each person brings something new to a business, I would love to see someone take the inn to the next level," said Ginsburg. "We have done what we can, and after 12 years the motivation and energy just aren't what it once was, it is time for someone new to bring it new life. Also, running two other businesses drains some of the energy the Inn used to receive."  
To enter, entrants must write a 200-word essay explaining why they would love to live in rural Maine and operate a country Inn or farm. Entrants must include an entry fee of \$150, which will be returned if a minimum of 5,000 entries are not received. Full contest details and a link to enter online can be found at [www.perennialinn.com](http://www.perennialinn.com).  
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